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WHAT PARIS IS DOING AND THINKING TO-DAY.

NEW TYPES OF CROOKS CROWDING FRENCH PRISONS.

PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER INVASION BY TOURISTS.

OUR SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL.

(BRITISH UNITED PRESS.)

If the spate of law-breaking by professional men and women in France—doctors and bankers and other business men—continues at the present rate there will soon be no room in the jails for the old type offenders.

The historic Sainte prison, once the abode of political offenders like the Royalist Leon Daudet who made a sensational escape by means of a box a year ago, has now become a lodging for the scores of socially prominent Parisians who have been drawn into the post-war vortex of getting rich quick.

Madame Manau, woman financier who ran her own newspaper *Gazette de France* in order to get clients for her shady financial schemes, met the ball rolling when her plot fell crashing about her ears, shook the Bourgeois, and even had repercussions in the Cabinet. She is now in the women's prison of St. Lazare where she has as companions half a dozen murderers.

Financial Dry Rot.

Following the Hanau crash, other wobbling financial institutions toppled like ninepins, and within three weeks something like fifteen well-known men in the French financial world found themselves under lock and key at the Sainte. Other comrades from Bourgeois and bank join them every few days as the weeding out process instituted by the diligent French Surete-Generale continues.

At the same time that this financial dry rot caused the temporary removal of bankers and their associates, the medical profession—the shadier section of it, that is to say—was also experiencing a crisis, which likewise continues, bringing more than thirty doctors behind the bars in the space of a few months.

These "medecins-marrons," as the French call them, had been ambulance chasing. Setting up "practices" in dingy rooms in the suburbs or provincial towns, they soon let it be known they were ready to help any work-shy fellow draw his salary without the trouble of hateful labour. An illuminating case was that revealed at the Parisian suburb of Levallois, where an agile detective ended the crooked career of a shady medical.

The detective firstly phoned the doctor, calling him away on what was supposed to be an urgent case. Then the sleuth went to the doctor's clinic and found all manner of apparatus for faking wounds. He then put on a white smock and sat down to wait. Within an hour he had three patients—all come back to have their wounds re-opened.

Humane Ideas.

With the usual number of crooks of other genders drifting into the Sainte at the same time as these professional men, there is danger

of the prison becoming overcrowded and there is even talk of plans of extension of the penitentiary, but this is hardly feasible since the prison is situated in the heart of Paris and occupies an entire block around which numerous habitations cluster.

Although there might be danger of overcrowding, inmates of the Sainte have not much to complain about, since the authorities have introduced quite a number of humane ideas, such as up-to-date libraries, and savings banks to enable the prisoners to have something in cash when they get out into the busy streets of the Gay City once again.

Among the many personalities at present behind the bars in the Sainte is the Communist Martyr, leader of the notorious Black Sea mutiny when an attempt was made to hand over a French man-of-war to the Bolsheviks. He is now paying the penalty for inciting French troops to mutiny.

The most interesting prisoner in France at the moment, however, is a young Belgian student, Adolphe Stiffen, aged twenty, awaiting trial for the murder of a railroad guard. He read a blood-thirsty tale of a train hold up in America, bought a gun, took the express for Nancy and while the train was travelling at sixty miles an hour, crawled along the footboard, and pumped six shots into the body of the guard.

Shifting Trees.

Workmen are now busy replacing the granite curbs around the safety islands in the middle of the streets, and new paving is going on here and there, and along the Champs Elysees there is a general activity consequent upon the arrival of Spring. The horse chestnut trees are in bloom, and it is no unusual sight to see an entire plane tree being slowly transported down the Avenue on a specially constructed wagon.

The chestnut trees have fallen into disrepute because their leaves fall about the end of July, and horticulturalists are at a loss to explain the reason. The Municipal Council, having the beauty of Paris constantly in mind, decided to change the trees, and instead of planting saplings, and waiting for long years for the Avenue to be shaded, they now plant fully grown trees, the roots all bunched up in a great ball of soil.

These plane trees are hardier, and in the upper reaches of the Avenue, where they were planted last year, not one has failed to grow and remain in full foliage all summer long. Paris and its Parks and boulevards are all groomed for Summer, and the Capital will celebrate its fairs, its fetes and join in its traditional gaiety the thousands of tourists and foreigners who certainly do not come here to be saddened.

A Famous Old Club.

Among the lighter developments of the day is a reported schism in the ranks of the famous Club des Cent, that association of gourmets which guards the culinary tradition of France. The Club is composed of well-to-do Frenchmen who are acquainted with almost every town and city in France. They must qualify by years of good eating and drinking before they can become a member of this Club.

When the Club gives one of its regular dinners, wherever that dinner is held, fame descends on the restaurant, and the chef is practically a made man. The Club does not care if its fete restaurant is in a back alley or a main boulevard, just so the sauce is right and there is something especially marvellous about some certain dish.

But one of the members, Dr. Poirat, a dentist, has broken loose and formed a Club des Pans Sages, which is a play on words in French only, and not only means the thoroughbreds, but the really pure "hundreds." Just what they will do, probably won't worry the original club of one hundred. One of the last things the Club des Cent did was to organise a automobile attack on the City of Rouen. It seems that the city had the habit of charging motorists a slight tax on entry.

A Noisy Protest.

The Club fights all such silly taxes as this and they assembled all their automobiles outside the gates, and set up such a din with their horns and exhausts, that the gate-keeper wanted to know what was the matter. They told him there were all coming to dine in Rouen, but that they would not pay the tax, because they considered it absurd. With that they all turned around and went to some other town, bestowing their patronage on a rival chef. The tax was immediately removed by the town council.

One of the main preoccupations of such organisations of the Club des Cent is to maintain a high standard among the wines of France and to discourage any adulteration. They take regular pilgrimages to the wine regions and taste and inspect and snoop around in general, so that the ingenious middlemen find it difficult to fake labels or vintages.

And it is notable that while in America President Hoover is preparing to spend great sums on a commission to investigate and report on Prohibition, French initiative is spending sums in prize to encourage the noble art of wine drinking and wine culture. The Prix des Vignes of ten thousand francs will be given this year as usual to the writer who produces the best work intended to stimulate and glorify that human toil which produces good wine and that human genius which appreciates it.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day
(May 16.)
Property Auction: (31-38, Austin Road, Kowloon) Messrs. Lammet Bros., Auction Rooms, 3 p.m.
Opening of New Billiard Room, Chinese Sports Club, King's Building, 6.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Cossacks."
World Theatre: "Let Women Alone." At 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese Picture "Yang Kwei Foo."
Star Theatre: "Becky."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Chenan), 3 p.m.
Friday
(May 16.)
Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
H.K. Jockey Club: Half yearly general meeting, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Cossacks."
World Theatre: "The Street Angel."

Star Theatre: "A Kiss for Cinderella."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Saturday
(May 17.)
Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
Golf: Whitsuntide Meeting, Fanling.
Lawn Bowls:—Division I: Kowloon Docks v. Civil Service, Craigengower v. Recreation, Police v. Kowloon O.C., Taihook v. Kowloon Bowling Green, Division II: Recreation v. Craigengower, Civil Service v. H.K. Electric, Kowloon Bowling Green v. Taihook.
Lawn Tennis:—"A" Division: M.B.K. v. Chinese R.C., Craigengower v. H.K.O.C., Kowloon C.C. v. Recreation, South China v. University, "B" Division: Kowloon C.C. v. R.E. and R.S., Recreation v. Hong Kong C.C., University v. Nippon, Y.M.C.A. v. South China, Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C. "C" Division: R.A.O.C. v. H.K.C.C., Recreation v. Chinese R.C.

Queen's Theatre: "The Cossacks."
World Theatre: "The Street Angel."
Star Theatre: "A Kiss for Cinderella."
Bayard English Comedy Co.: "Rokery Nook," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Kamo Maru).
Sunday
(May 19.)
Golf: Whitsuntide Meeting, Fanling.
Queen's Theatre: "Wickedness Preferred."
World Theatre: "Buttons."
Star Theatre: "The Wise Virgin."
Bayard English Comedy Co.: "The Fanatics," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

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AROUND THE SCHOOLS

By "EX-COLLEGIAN."

Students attending the various educational institutions in Hong Kong will be interested to learn that by special arrangement with the Editor, a School Column will be published in the *Hong Kong Daily Press* every fortnight, beginning to-day.

All the large schools and colleges have been visited during the past week, and the Heads of institutions have shown great interest and enthusiasm when the aim of this column was explained to them.

To serve 25,000 students.

Briefly, the object of this new feature is to bring into closer relations students at the various Schools and Colleges of Hong Kong, and to foster a spirit of friendly understanding between local educational institutions, where some twenty-five thousand boys and girls are taking courses of education which bring them in touch with English culture in its various forms.

It is desired to publish news of the activities of as many schools as possible, and to present a comprehensive list on alternate Thursdays. News of sports items will be welcomed, and wherever possible details of personal achievements, records or outstanding performances, will be appreciated. The co-operation of Head Masters and Mistresses is earnestly requested by the writer, who will be obliged if sports fixtures are made known to him as early as possible.

The Serious Side of School.

This column will also include such features as examination results and other news touching the serious side of school activities. It is hoped, through the co-operation of the schools themselves, to publish such matters as staff changes and additions, and to include news of the social life around the schools, such as concerts, farewell presentations, annual dinners, etc. A number of schools have their own study groups, picnic parties, photographic clubs, etc., and news of and from these societies will be always welcome.

Every school or college has a large number of past pupils either in the Colony or elsewhere, and the writer will be glad to include news of former pupils of any local school. In this connection the co-operation of readers will be cordially appreciated.

How to Send Your News.

The *Daily Press* is known to students at every school, and it is hoped readers will not hesitate to send in any suggestions for making this column more interesting to the special readers to whom it appeals. Any news about a school itself,

such as improvements to buildings, extensions, new playgrounds, etc., will be most welcome. News intended for publication in this column should be sent in not later than Tuesday of the week in which it will appear. Communications should be addressed to—

"EX-COLLEGIAN,"

c/o The Editor,
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Queen's College.

Queen's College won the "Wing On" Challenge Cup at the Cheung Chai School Sports. The team brought the cup to the school by defeating a number of entries from other schools. The school sent a strong running team to the invitation race at the sports meeting of St. Joseph's College, and secured second place.

The School's basketball team will be fully engaged during next month, as the inter-school league started last week.

The inter-class Volley Ball tournament has just concluded, and the winners are the boys of the Matriculation class.

Charity Assisted.

As the result of a concert given in the School recently, the sum of \$800 has been forwarded to the Tung Wah Hospital. A further \$200 available from the same source was devoted to the improvement of the School's pavilion at Causeway Bay.

A boxing tournament has been arranged for Thursday afternoon, May 23. Students will also give a fencing display. On May 24, Empire Day, a launch picnic will be held.

The Headmaster of the School, Mr. A. H. Crook, is away in Java attending the Pan-Pacific Scientific Congress. Mr. W. Kay is acting Headmaster during Mr. Crook's absence.

Good Runners.

St. Paul's College has reason to be proud of its sprinters. In addition to winning the team race at the Queen's College sports, they won similar races on two occasions last week. On Wednesday, May 8, at the Wah Yee College Sports, they were very easily, and on the following Saturday they defeated six other teams at the sports meeting of St. Joseph's College. This School has also entered the basketball league, and in the next scholars' corner I hope to announce news of its progress.

Removing to Stanley.

St. Stephen's College are now moving to their new quarters in Stanley, and for the present, at least, their activities are suspended.

St. Joseph's College held their annual sports on Saturday last. The results, etc., have been already published, so need not be mentioned in detail here. The senior 100 yards was covered in 10.1 seconds, which is a very good performance, and upholds the highest traditions of the College in the realm of sport and athletics.

Catering for All.

In addition to events confined to their own school, the organisers have arranged races for students of the Kai Lap School, the St. Paul's Institution, St. Mary's School, St. Francis' School, St. Joseph's Branch School, and for soldiers. The authorities of St. Joseph's College have earned warm praise for their kind endeavours in catering for students of the smaller schools who have no sports grounds of their own.

A School "Star."

Wah Yan College held their fourth annual athletic meeting on Wednesday last, but were unfortunate in selecting a rainy day. Times were on the slow side. Fung Kok Wah won the senior championship and gave a good account of himself, winning all the first races from 100 yards to one mile. He is an athlete of which any school would be proud.

The prizes will be distributed on May 23, when a school concert will be given.

King's College.

King's College have little to report. The water shortage has deprived the boys of the use of the College bathing tank, which in normal times is filled with fresh water.

The College is conducting a woodwork class between 5-7 p.m. on week-days, and students have shown a keen interest in the intricacies of carpentry.

Girl School's Sports.

St. Stephen's Girls' College held their annual sports last Saturday afternoon on the school-ground, in brilliant weather. The Upper School Cup (kindly presented by Mr. Ho, of The China Sports) was won by Form IV, and the Lower School Cup by Form VII. The winners of Kindergarten races received prizes, which were given away by Mrs. S. W. Tse, wife of Dr. S. W. Tse, O.B.E., LL.D. Miss Jacques was good enough to help through the afternoon, and refereed the net-ball match which concluded the afternoon's sport.

The staff and students of the School recently gave a concert on behalf of the North China Famine Relief Fund, and succeeded in sending a cheque for \$1,532 to the cause. Congratulations!

Let me conclude by extending grateful thanks to those who have come forward so readily with information. I shall be pleased to hear from all connected with the schools of Hong Kong. There is room for news about every school in this "corner," and I hope all interested will assist me in obtaining it.

THE NAVY'S BREAD.

FLEET BREADMAKING COMPETITION.

The results of a breadmaking competition held in the Atlantic Fleet recently are promulgated in Fleet Orders. The judges reported that the quality and appearance of the bread were of a high standard, and there was a general improvement on last year's exhibits.

In Section "A" (ships with bakeries) the result was as follows:—First, Nelson (C.P.O. Cook Alfred J. Butlin); second, Vindictive (P.O. Cook Arthur D. Joyce); third, Lucia (P.O. Cook Albert W. B. Harrison).

Ships in order of merit (maximum 100):—Nelson, 98; Vindictive, 95; Marlborough, 88; Canterbury, 85; Hood, 84; Canterbury, 84; Vindictive, 83; Cambrian, 83; Furious, 83; Benbow, 82; Rodney, 82; Nelson, 82; Argus, 81; Benbow, 81; Centaur, 81; Lucia, 80; Hood, 80; Emperor of India, 79; Repulse, 79; Repulse, 77; Comus, 77; Comus, 77; Renown, 75; Marlborough, 75; Adventure, 74; Emperor of India, 73; Furious, 73; Argus, 73; Adventure, 70.

In Section "B" (ships without bakeries) the results were:—1, Adamant (Ldg. Cook Alfred W. Evans); 2, Watchman (Ldg. Cook Frederick Manley); 3, Tyrian (Ldg. Cook Frederick E. Gay). Ships in order of merit:—Adamant, 88; Watchman, 85; Tyrian, 81; Versatile, 81; Warwick, 80; Vidette, 80; Wallace, 79; Windsor, 78; Vimy, 77; Campbell, 76; Snapdragon, 73; Valhalla, 72; Vortigern, 70; Wessex, 67; Whirlwind, 61; Walker, 59.

The following were disqualified for tendering either the wrong description or an insufficient number of loaves:—Whitley, 82; Walpole, 48; Westcott, 45.

The Challenge Silver Loaf (Section A) and Challenge Shield (Section B) were presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the winners in each section.

VINDICATION OF A HEAD MASTER.

CASE STOPPED BY A JURY.

GIRLS' ALLEGATIONS.

The jury stopped the case and returned a verdict of "not guilty" at the West Sussex Quarter Sessions at Horsham, when Mr. Maurice Ernest Hayes, aged thirty-six, a school-master, of Slinfold, appeared for trial on six charges of assaults on girls under the age of sixteen.

The six girls concerned were pupils under Mr. Hayes, who has been headmaster of the Slinfold Church of England School for eight years.

Mr. Eric Neve, prosecuting, said that the girls were pupils at the school, and had been taught by Mr. Hayes. The alleged assaults ranged over a period from September 1928 to February of the present year.

"Happy All the Time."

Mr. Neve, in a reference to the length of time over which the alleged offences had taken place without a complaint having been made, said that the case for the prosecution was that one reason the children did not complain was because Mr. Hayes was their school master, and they were fond of him. The alleged offences were committed while Mr. Hayes was sitting at the side of the girls in the classroom. One of the girls said in cross-examination that she was happy all the time she was at school and was fond of Mr. Hayes.

Mr. J. Flowers, K.C., defending: You were in the habit of sending him birthday cards?—Yes.

Other girls were called to give evidence regarding the alleged assaults. They agreed that Mrs. Hayes was teaching the next classroom, and that she could have looked through the partition and have seen what was happening.

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FRENCH BIRTHRATE.

FINANCIAL INDUCEMENTS OFFERED.

[British United Press.]

Paris.—Watching the rising birth-rates of her neighbours, Italy and Germany, France has resolved to encourage the re-population of her race and is holding out financial incentives to prospective parents. There are now before Parliament four projects to be enacted into laws to make marriage easier and to encourage large families. One project would relieve all fathers of a part of their tax burden, the amount to increase proportionately for each child born.

Another bill alters the existing law allowing financial relief to large families. At present aid is granted only to families possessing at least four children of less than 13 years, the aid amounting to 30 francs a month for each child, or slightly less than four cents a day. The proposal to change the law would triple the financial aid and would also apply the law to all families of four minor children, instead of stopping at 13 years.

Under the existing laws, France last year added 405,000 families representing a total of 712,000 children, and the amount distributed passed 200 million francs.

The Government has just published some interesting statistics showing that between 1911 and 1926, the population of France has fallen off 650,000, in spite of the immigration of 1,215,000 foreigners. It is interesting to note that the large families in France are not among the working classes, but among the manufacturers and business men.

Mr. Flowers, at the conclusion of the case for the prosecution, submitted that there was no corroboration of the alleged offences, and asked that, in justice to his client, the case should stop.

OFF TO SHERWOOD WITH AIR-GUNS.

BOYS WHO WOULD BE ROBIN HOODS.

ADVENTURING ON BICYCLES.

The adventures of the three Sydenham boys who, after an absence of sixteen days, returned home were described by one of them, John Charles Emblem, to a reporter recently. The other boys were Charles William Ford (14) and Alfred Thomas (13).

Emblem, who was looking none the worse for the escapade, said they went off on their bicycles. After buying three air-guns, they set out for Sherwood Forest, where they meant to live the life of a modern Robin Hood. The first night they reached Chemsford, where, tired out, they sought shelter in a railway van.

First Thrill.

Early next day they got the first thrill of adventure. As they were cycling along the road a constable stopped them, and while he was questioning them another constable appeared. The officers examined the air-guns, but were satisfied with the boys' explanation that they were for a brother at Leyton and allowed them to go on.

Looking at a map they found that Sherwood Forest was a hundred and twenty-eight miles away, and they decided to give up the idea of emulating Robin Hood and make for the south coast. They spent the night in bed at Southend and then went on to Sheerness.

On the way to Whitstable Emblem came into collision with another cyclist, his machine being badly damaged. They would not have been able to proceed but for the fact that the cyclist handed over his machine to Emblem. Seabrook, Margate, and Herne Bay were visited. At Herne Bay they were recognised by the landlady of a house where they lodged, but they got away on their bicycles, leaving their air-guns behind them.

While they were waiting in a queue to see a circus a paper boy displayed a newspaper contents bill referring to their adventure and presence on the South Coast, and at the circus their description was announced. No one, however, challenged them, and after the show they went to Hythe, where each boy sent a letter home.

They could not stay anywhere for long for fear of detection, and one morning a sign-post at Dover made them feel home-sick. It pointed homewards—sixty-eight miles to London.

WATCHES RUN BY RADIO!

IMAGINATIVE ENGINEER'S FORECAST.

"Imaginative Stuff" is the appropriate heading under which a writer in the *New York Sun* radio section tells of a reported invention by a Russian radio-engineer. The story runs as follows:—

"An engineer of a well-known watch manufacturing company in New York City, in addressing a convention of jewellers in Washington, D.C., several years ago, predicted that in the future our watches would be run by radio. His forecast was accepted as visionary, and although his words were those of an engineer and a fellow watchmaker they fell lightly upon the ears of that body of jewellers. They were inclined to twist this imaginative engineer with the slang of the day—interesting if true!"

Facetious Comment.

"Only two or three years have elapsed since that prediction, and yet a report from Russia brings such a visionary scheme just a little nearer to realisation. A patent has been issued by the Soviet Inventors Bureau to a Rostov radio-engineer, in which it is conceded that a device has been contrived for the control of watches by radio. The invention is described as a 'master radio clock,' and it has the capacity for synchronising watches and clocks. This master time-piece, operated by radio, would supply accurate time signals to a considerable number of smaller clocks and watches.

"While the New York watch engineer envisioned a plan whereby watches would be operated directly from radio impulses transmitted from a broadcasting station, the scheme of the Russian engineer lends an appreciable degree of feasibility to the more direct plan of operation of the American watchmaker. This scheme, however, brings into review the facetious comment of a naval radio-engineer with respect to the recent vision of an automobile manufacturer, where motor-cars would be operated by radio power. 'I hope the transmitting station won't fail when I am driving my car up a hill,' this naval radio man remarked. Similarly, many owners of timepieces will hope that the radio stations sending impulses to our watches will not fail at the lunch hour or when we are hurrying to catch a train!"

Mr. Flowers, at the conclusion of the case for the prosecution, submitted that there was no corroboration of the alleged offences, and asked that, in justice to his client, the case should stop.

GAMBLING COUP IN THE MAJESTIC.

PASSENGER LOSES \$3,000 AT "HEARTS."

["D.P." SPECIAL SERVICE.]

New York.—The White Star liner *Majestic* arrived here and reported that the first important coup of the season by Transatlantic professional gamblers was attempted during the voyage on a passenger who gave his name as Duncan Macleod, said to be the representative of a Canadian whisky company.

The story told to the reporters was that a number of passengers purporting to be prominent business men became acquainted with Mr. Macleod and pointed out to him the notice in the smoking-room warning passengers against professional gamblers on Atlantic liners, and urged him to be careful.

They played the game of hearts, Mr. Macleod winning about \$100. Later they adjourned to the tea room of the Ritz Carlton restaurant in the *Majestic*, and play became fast and furious. Mr. Macleod left with a loss of \$3,000.

He is quoted as saying: "I complained against the amount. They compromised by taking \$5,000. I gave them two cheques, one for \$200 on the Hartman National Bank and another for \$1,100 on a bank in Toronto. I told the pursers about my misfortune and he wired ashore."

White Star Line detectives met the *Majestic* and advised Mr. Macleod to complain to the police.

BAGGY TROUSERS AS CLUE.

FOLLOWED BY DETECTIVES.

["D.P." SPECIAL SERVICE.]

A pair of baggy trousers and a shaving brush were the strange clues that Detective-sergeants McCarthy and Watkins and Detective Almond relied upon to lead them to the solution of a crime in Sydney. More than \$100 worth of tooth brushes and shaving brushes were stolen from a brush factory, which had been forcibly entered.

The detectives searched carefully for a clue until finally they came to the conclusion that a man with baggy trousers—that was the best description they could get at the time—might be able to assist them.

Throughout the holidays they looked for a person with such distinctive clothes, until finally they questioned a man whom they noticed in a street in Glebe. After the interview they searched a room in a house at Glebe, and found a shaving brush.

The man claimed that he had bought the brush for 3/6, but the detectives pointed out that it was made of badger hair, and was an experimental sample.

Subsequently most of the stolen property was recovered and a man was arrested.

MAN-BIRD IN A LONDON PARK.

FLUTTERING AT 15 MILES AN HOUR.

People who have lately been in Richmond Park at night after vehicular traffic has been excluded may have seen a strange white bird, with a twenty-five-foot spread of wings, fluttering along the roadways.

The "bird" was Mr. E. Winter, of the garage staff at White Lodge, now the residence of Lord Lee of Farnham, testing a theory of flight which he believes will enable him some day to soar like the condor of the Andes.

"I have studied bird flight for some years," says Mr. Winter, "and I am convinced that it is quite possible for a man to wend his way through the air with a machine on the 'flapping-wing-by-man-power-only' theory."

Flapping Wings.

Mr. Winter has devised a machine the wings of which are worked by foot pedals. When he pedals the wings start flapping with a downward and slightly backward motion, and the whole contrivance goes forward.

Mr. Winter has so far accomplished an hour's fluttering at fifteen miles an hour up hill and down; but wing power alone will not get him off the ground.

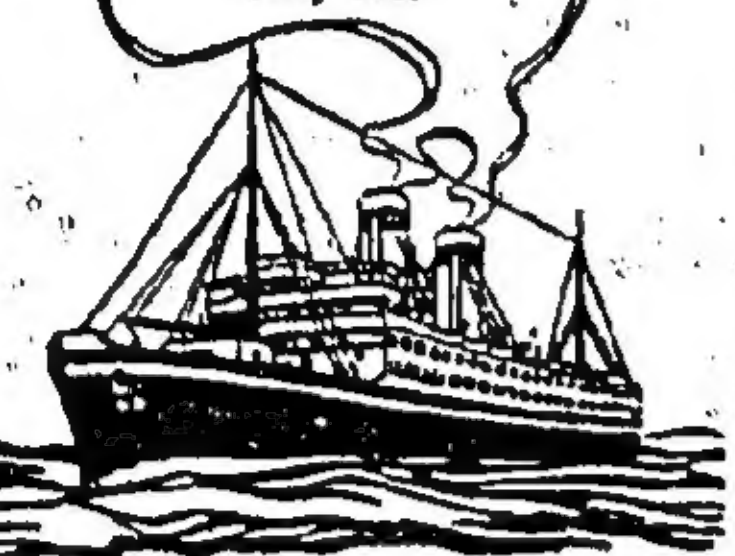
"Hydrogen will, however," he says, "and is therefore fitting his machine with an egg-shaped container that will hold enough hydrogen to lift him off the earth, and he expects shortly to be able to fly round Richmond Park like a bird."

Lord Lee, his employer, who is interested in the clever experiment, wishes him the best of luck when he goes up.

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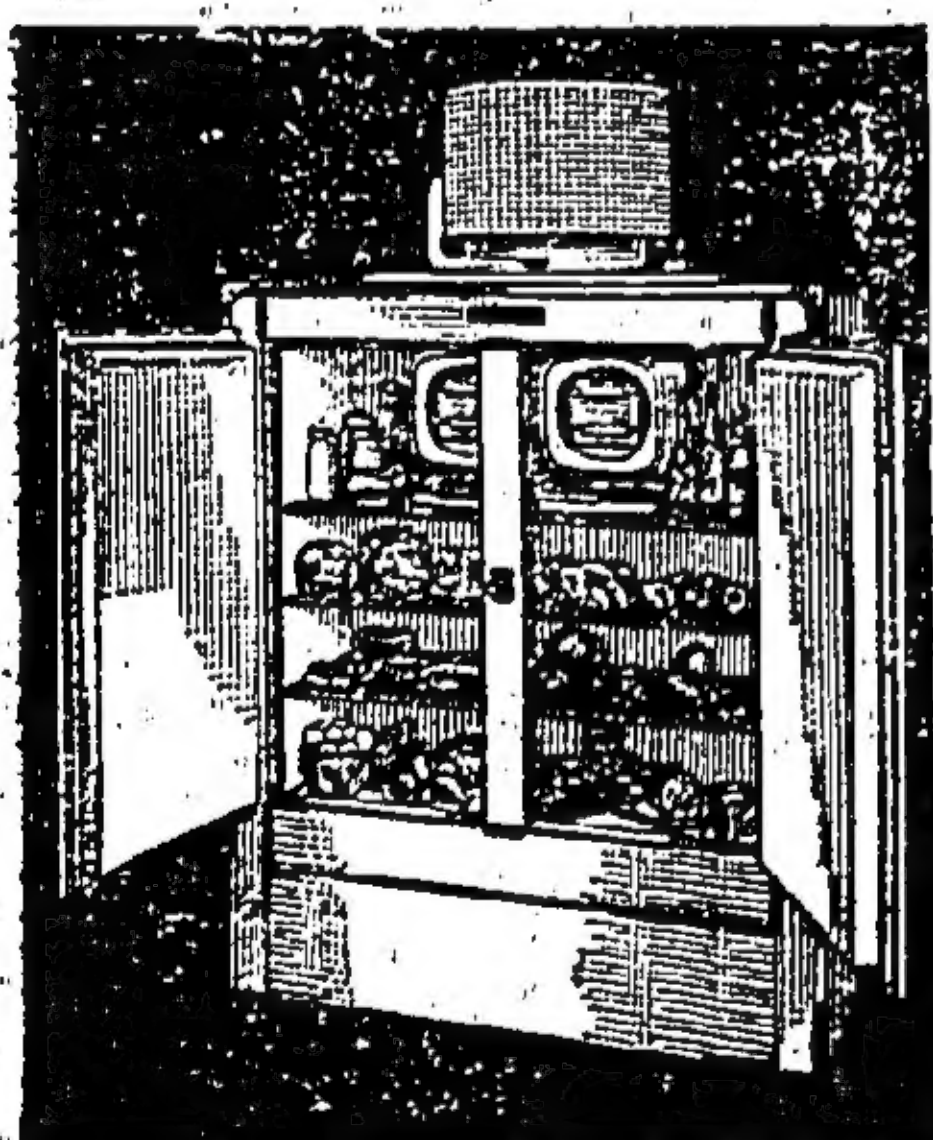
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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

OUTBOARD MOTOR-BOAT RACING.

An interesting test of a new special class of Duple outboard motorboat, which will shortly be placed on the market at a cost of about \$20, was carried out in the River Medina at Cowes, when an attempt was made by Mr. Kaye Don to set up a national speed record for standard super-charged A, B, and C, and unlimited class outboard motor.

The sea was smooth, and there was scarcely any wind. A mean speed of 31 nautical miles, a speed representing approximately 32.5 miles an hour, was attained, which was regarded as highly satisfactory.

WOMEN SWIMMERS' CHALLENGE.

The Birmingham Ladies' Swimming Club have accepted a challenge from the Mermaid Swimming Club, London, to swim a six a-side relay race over a 600-yard course early in June. The fixture will, on current form, provide a close contest, and go far towards settling the controversy as to the strongest women's club in the country. The "Mermaids," who will have the assistance of Miss Joyce Cooper, hold the Southern Counties team-championship and record. Birmingham ladies, on the other hand, have no prominent "star" in their ranks, but they are a well-balanced side, which includes three or four juniors of exceptional promise. The best junior, Miss Nora Wall, won the Staffordshire senior 100 yards championship last season, when 13 years of age, in the excellent time of 75 seconds.

FENCING IN THE NAVY.

At a meeting of the R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association, at which Capt. Errol Bennett presided, the following suggestions to encourage fencing in the Navy were put forward:—An instructors' fencing course at the P.R.T. School, which is considered an urgent necessity in view of the present lack of instructors; efforts to encourage sabre fencing at the training establishments; and the holding of port novices' competitions and fixtures for port fencing teams. The Committee of the Royal Tournament have agreed to allow time for the Navy and Marines holding their own championship pools prior to the Inter-Services pools. For the Royal Navy there will be an officers' and other ranks' final, and R.N. championship. For the Royal Marines there will be the R.M. championship only.

REFEREES v. REFEREES.

You only needed one glance at the spectators at The Den recently to see that the sparks were going to fly. There was no mistaking that grin of anticipatory relish round their lips, that glint of set purpose in their eyes. Here was a crowd that meant business. It did. The game was one between a team of Birmingham referees and a side of Essex, Kent, and Surrey referees.

Can one imagine a more glorious opportunity for the alleged long-suffering football "fan"? Twenty-two referees having a go at the job they are accustomed to direct.

The spectators pulled caps more firmly over glistening eyes, cleared forty-lung-power throats, and waited happily for the kick-off.

Once the whistle went they let themselves go. The amount of hectic advice hurled at the referee (the real one) within five minutes broke all records. As for the footballer-referees—well, they knew this was football, all right!

If one player brushed into another, gently, it was "Hi! ref! Where's yer eyes?" Did the ball go within yards of a man's arm, there was a mighty shout of "Hands!" If a player was bowled over, no matter where he was, it was "Penalty."

As for infringements such as foul throws-in, or any little questions over "offside" or corner-kicks—well the crowd supplied a dozen contradictory decisions, all free of charge.

Oh, yes, everybody enjoyed themselves at The Den!

The game itself was one-sided, so much so that the irrepressible on-lookers were plaintively asking if any one had seen Birmingham. After ten minutes, referee B. R. Baker back-heeled the ball neatly to referee W. E. Ross-Gower, and referee Ross-Gower found the back of the Birmingham net with a neat shot.

From then onwards, it was a mere question of how many goals the southern referees would get. They got three more. The only referee from Birmingham who showed extensive knowledge of the game was J. Hale, their outside left. But his physical proportions did not permit him to exploit his undoubted talents to the best advantage.

GORILLA JONES.

New York.—Gorilla Jones, Akron, Ohio, negro heavyweight, obtained a decision over Al Mello, leading heavyweight contender, in a fast 10 round bout here. Mello was badly beaten.

BOXING HALL TO SEAT 12,000.

One of the most famous boxing halls in London is about to change hands. A syndicate has made an offer for it, and it is stated that all that now remains is for the contract to be signed. It is the intention of the syndicate to demolish the old building, and to erect on the site a miniature Madison Square Garden. The position is so central that it is believed that other sports, in addition to boxing, will be popular, but boxing, of course, will remain the chief feature. Madison Square Garden, the "creation" of the late Tex Rickard, is in the heart of New York, and only a stone's throw from Broadway. It seats about 20,000 people, houses most of New York's big fights, and also accommodates horse shows, rodeos, and exhibitions. London's new Madison Square Garden will not be so large as this, but it may hold crowds of 12,000.

EARRINGS FOR GREYHOUNDS.

The National Greyhound Racing Club has long been seeking an effective device to defeat the racing crooks who make a practice of substituting one dog for another.

This protection seems to last to have been secured. It takes the form of a small silver identity disc or button, each with its specific marking, which is permanently fixed in the dog's ear, which is painlessly pierced.

As the dogs are presented for each race the track manager, who is provided with a master gauge, fits this to the keyways on the button, and if this registers accurately the dog is passed for the race. As the keyways are gauged to the ten thousandth part of an inch, it is impossible to gauge them without the master tools.

The disc is the invention of Mr. Hall, M.Inst.M.E., of the Meomark Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and it has already been sanctioned by the R.S.P.C.A. and been provisionally approved by the stewards of the National Greyhound Racing Club, who will no doubt adopt the scheme after a large number of tests have been made on racing greyhounds.

The device does not affect the dogs in any way and causes no pain.

WORLD'S SPRINT RECORD.

More than one sprinter, among them the great American, Charlie Paddock, has applied for the recognition of 100 yards in 9.2-seconds, but this record has never yet been granted. It is understood, however, that there is no doubt in official quarters that Claud Bracey, another American and the latest claimant, did really accomplish the phenomenal feat, at Dallas, Texas, on March 30.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

MANNERS DO NOT ALWAYS MAKE THE MAN.

Men who are 100 per cent. worthy of the name are hard to find these days. I am not thinking of the "ideal man" or the "cave" type—simply about the everyday men of one's acquaintance.

Were you to review your male friends in the cold light of day (which would be infinitely less alluring than in the bewitching glamour of "tails" and "cocktails"), you would most certainly discover that only a very small proportion of those cherished creatures, your masculine society, were "man-worthy."

Intelligent, charming, amusing, without a doubt they may be, but known as men only in so far that they wear trousers, and that there is no other word by which to differentiate between their degrees of manhood.

They are not necessarily by any means effeminate—"well set up" they may be, bronzed, and embarrassingly hearty.

But I personally am so often—and so painfully—conscious of a lamentable lack of manliness about the nicest of men, when suddenly I find myself comparing them, gently but calculatingly, with the blessed few in whom I have perceived the precious, scarcely definable quality.

It is no question of manners—would that it were something equally remediable—nor does the excuse of effeminacy hold any water; and anyway instances are not convincing till they, actually happen in your presence, and you quiver at something for which you or your sex at large, are chiefly to blame.

For it is your fault and mine. By becoming so depravedly independent and capable and self-sufficient, we have quite quickly sucked vitality from those weaker ones in whom life should have instilled—or bred—a manhood justifying its meaning, leaving behind a pathetic and absurd shell of masculinity camouflaged thereby by "plus fours," and in the most dashing (Continued at foot of next column).

ART OF WALKING GRACEFULLY.

Mudsplashed stockings are usually defaced on the first stretch of a wet road, the result of faulty walking, as many women themselves vaguely realise.

The success of the small minority who wear their way unscathed is not dependent upon slenderness, but correct poise and well-balanced movements.

Conscious effort is needed at first, so as to put into practice the necessary points to be considered.

The shoulders should be held well back, not stiffly, with the head upright, and the arms swinging over so slightly along with the rhythm of the body.

There should be no perceptible movement of the hips.

Helpful Exercise.

Steps should embody ease, being neither a mince nor a stride. The foot muscles should be used to produce elasticity in the tread, as nature intended, each step being finished with a slight but imperceptible rise on the toes.

A helpful exercise to those whose muscles have grown stiff is to rise on tiptoe at odd moments, when possible.

To walk with hands interlaced is excellent practice.

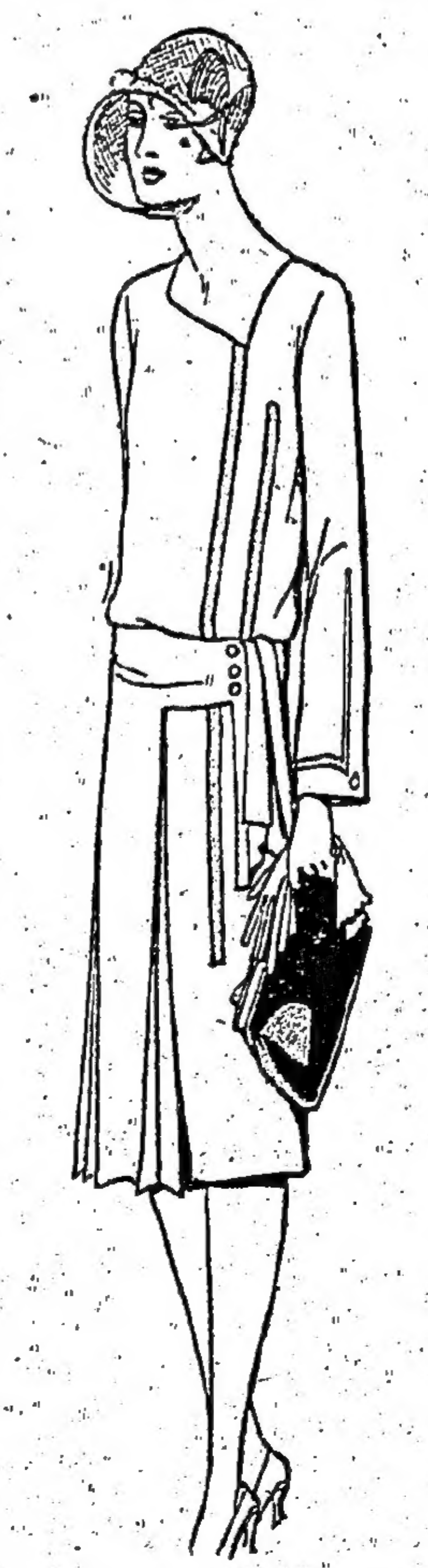
Notice the difference it makes in one's poise, although it seems a little difficult at first to balance without the help of the arms to swing one along.

cases, perhaps, even by a mousetrap.

Lack of demand makes inevitable lack of supply, and so chivalry is fading away into the limbo of forgotten qualities—relegated to the romantic period, which seems to be unbelievable, and to have existed delightfully any time but in that which we can remember.

It is chivalry that is missing; chivalry that we have found and cherished in those happy few who are men.

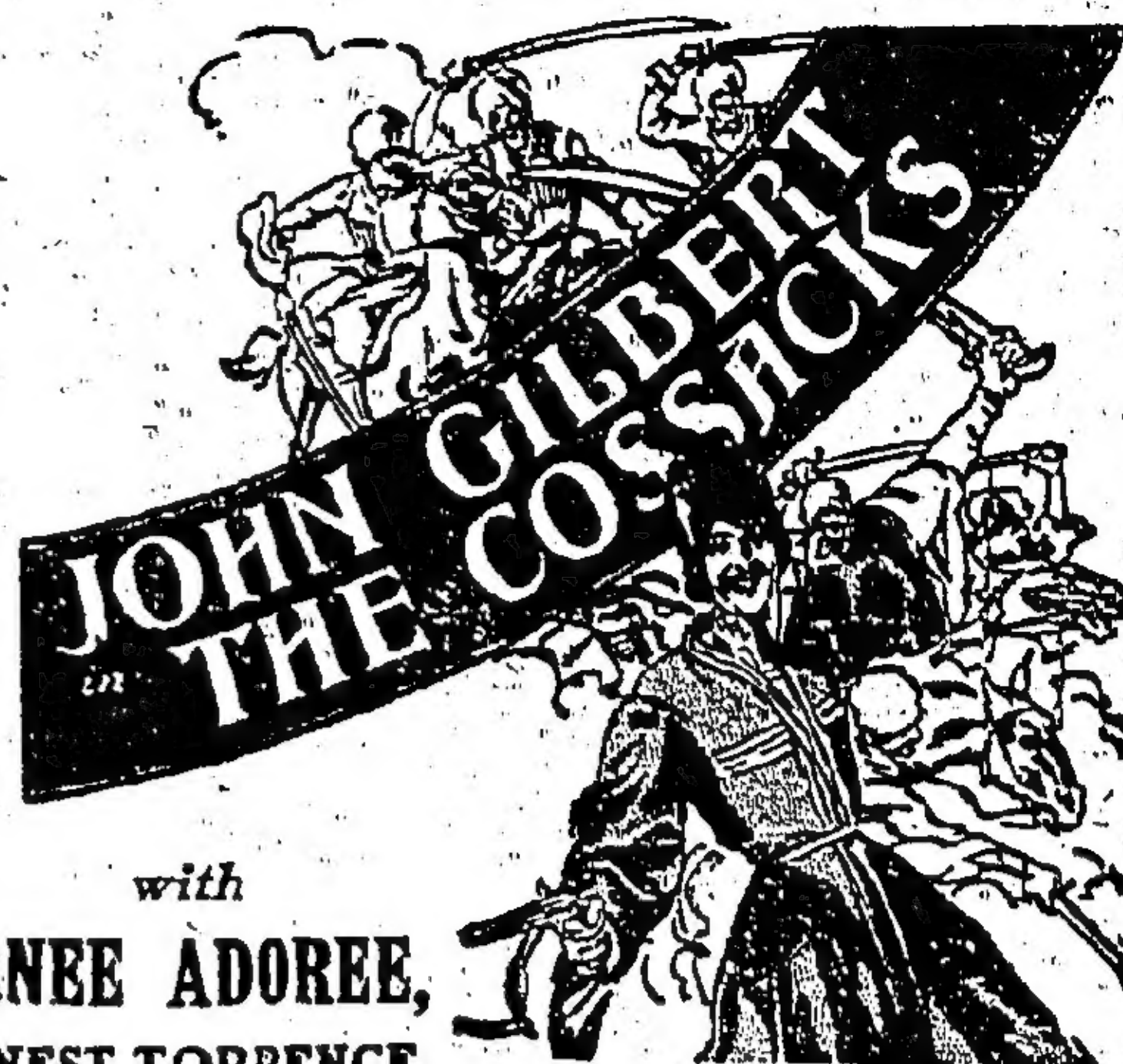
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MISS SIX-YEAR-OLD'S NEEDLEWORK.

Children's needlework should follow two principles. First if possible let them make what they want to make; and second, when the suggestion is left to you, always choose something useful and interesting.

There is no reason why little girls should not learn to use the sewing-machine. It is a useful accomplishment, and far better than discouraging them with the difficulties of plain needlework which can be conquered in due time.

"Something to Sew."
If you are asked to suggest or provide "something to sew," be very definite in your suggestions.

A tray-cloth should be for a special tray or to match particular china; a school brush-and-comb bag in the school colours; a slip for her very own dressing-table, and so on. Do not suggest or encourage fine work. Six-year-old focussing muscles are not fully developed and must not be strained. For the same reason little girls should not sew for long at a time.

Rug Making.

Raffia work in bold designs is very suitable for children. She will like to make herself a pochette, or a shopping bag for mother, or mats for the dolls' house.

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Shanghai.—The flour mills in Harbin are reducing their output owing to southern Chinese markets now receiving American flour below the cost of Manchurian, and also the high price of Mandurian wheat.

Harbin.—Reports from Vladivostok state that a fishing vessel, with eleven men on board, was carried away by a gale near Batoum. The coastguard found the boat a few days later with six dead bodies.

Tokyo.—The Ministry of Finance reports that Japan's foreign trade with China during last month amounted to Yen 20,545,000 in imports, the balance being Yen 24,860,000 in favour of exports.

London.—An offer by Lord Rothermere to buy for £15,000 the sixteenth century communion cup of St. Mary's Church, Sandwich, has been refused by the Diocesan Consultative Committee.

Berlin.—The Government of the Free City of Hamburg and of Saxony have now also issued decrees suppressing the Red Front Fighters organizations in their respective territories.

Bucharest.—This year's army estimates have been fixed at 7.5 billion lei as against 6.9 billions for the last financial year.

Prague.—The Czechoslovak army will shortly be equipped with a new 7.92 mm. Mauser rifle, which is said to be more effective than the one at present used by the army.

Berlin.—The Ministry of the Interior announces that the much-discussed question of erecting a monument for the German soldiers fallen in the war will be postponed until the last foreign soldier has left German soil.

Moscow.—The Central Economic Council is considering measures for the extension of salt production in the Ukraine and Crimea, specially for export purposes. Russian experts will shortly be sent abroad to study the methods of salt production in foreign countries.

Vladivostok.—The value of furs exported from the Far Eastern part of the Soviet Union to the United States during the first half of the present economic year, October 1, 1928, to March 31, 1929, amounted to 425,000 dollars.

Belgrade.—The Government has promulgated a special anti-corruption law, providing for the establishment of a special court, which is to investigate all charges of corruption brought up against officials.

London.—Oxford City Council met recently under the new scheme which gives the city largely extended boundaries. Captain Butten was elected mayor. It is estimated that the population of Oxford is now 70,000.

Berlin.—Professor Albert Einstein has received an Honorary Doctor's degree from Sorbonne University, Paris.

London.—A hitherto unknown letter of Nelson's has been discovered in "Charlie Brown's" famous public house in Limehouse. The letter was found pasted in the fly-leaf of a book. It was written by Lord Nelson to a Captain Rogers, and was dated from the Victory in 1803.

London.—The Bishop of Southwark has consecrated the church of St. Philip and All Saints, North Sheen, S.W., built from a 16th-century barn at Oxted, Surrey.

Large buildings are being erected in Irkutsk for the aviation route from Europe, workshops, and other buildings costing in the neighbourhood of 1,000,000 roubles.

Bangkok.—At a Boy Scout parade King Prajadhipok of Siam told the Scouts:—"Do not gamble at all because gambling is the chief enemy which prevents men from becoming rich. Look at the hard-working and wealthy Chinese, most of whom arrive in Siam wearing shorts and in time succeed in becoming big merchants. It never pays to gamble."

Berlin.—Speaking before the Reichstag's budget committee, Minister of the Interior Severing declared that the Government intended to submit to the Reichstag a bill reducing the maximum pensions of former Ministers of the Reich to 12,000 annually.

Rome.—The Fascists attacked a large number of Germans in the streets of the city and maltreated them in connection with the murder of two Italian policemen. As many as 180 Germans were arrested on a charge of being implicated in the murder. The real perpetrators are, however, unknown.

Glasgow.—Experiments to examine the claims of Dr. Voronov to produce by operative interference increase in body weight and feces weight, and to bring about reactivation of the aged male sheep are being made by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, says the Board's annual report. Experiments in animal nutrition were also made.

London.—An apparent distress signal from the lighthouse of Ushant island lighthouse caused a life saving crew from the mainland to investigate. They reached their objective, despite a furious gale, and found that the keeper had been out in the rain and hung his clothes on the dangle to dry.

FROM LONDON TO AMOY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF LONG FLIGHT.

FUTURE PLANS.

One of the most remarkable flights of recent years was successfully concluded on May 12 at Amoy when Mr. Wen Lin Chen reached that port from London. News of his expected arrival had reached Amoy by telegram and many officials and local residents assembled to welcome him. About 3 o'clock the Avian came into sight flying at about 1,000 feet and then landed at Amoy Naval Aerodrome. The landing was exceptionally slow, according to the accounts of those present the machine coming to rest in 40 or 50 yards.

Mr. Chen's flight companion was Mr. Johnson, a Danish aviator of many years experience. Throughout the flight he had shared the "joystick" with Mr. Chen and, between them they had attended to the usual running repairs on the machine. Mr. Chen told me that these repairs had never exceeded the usual daily inspections, cleaning of plugs and filters, and the adjustment of tappet clearances. Owing to tropical rains through which they had to plough their way two propellers became damaged. These had to be changed, but as Mr. Chen said, these replacements were only made to keep the machine in perfect condition.

The Flight.

Mr. Chen set out from Croydon without any publicity or fuss and passing through Germany, Egypt, and Persia he eventually arrived in India. Here bad luck overtook both the aviators. They were taken ill with malaria and had to spend nearly two weeks in hospital. As soon as they were well they proceeded across India to Rangoon where they stayed four days to enable Mr. Chen to visit his mother.

From Rangoon the flight was continued across French Indo-China to Hanoi, and from here Mr. Chen decided to fly via Pakhoi and Canton to Amoy as quickly as possible, in view of the troubles in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Only short stays were made in both these last ports of call, Mr. Chen leaving Hanoi on May 10 at 6.30 a.m. and reaching Canton on the 11th and Amoy on the 12th.

A Personal Interview.

Soon after landing from the steamer I was lucky in obtaining a long interview with Mr. Chen. He informed me that he was 28, but he looked much younger. Speaking perfect English as well as German he showed himself to be not only a brilliant aviator but a scholar.

I asked him how he liked the Avian Light Aeroplane and the Cirrus Mark III. engine and he said that he considered them both first class productions. Both had given him excellent service under all kinds of conditions. When leaving Europe they had experienced cold, while in Persia and India the heat had been tremendous. The Cirrus had worked well under these extreme conditions. Throughout the flight Shell petrol and Golden Shell oil had been used. The consumption of petrol had been approximately 5 gallons per flying hour, which was very economical considering that the Avian, was carrying a very heavy load and, that the engine had been run at 1,800 revolutions per minute cruising.

Mr. Chen is head of the Naval Aviation in Amoy, and he has decided to delay his flight to Foochow, Shanghai and Nanking so that he may pay attention to the erection of the three other Avian Avians which he has purchased. One of these is a seaplane. Ten days will be sufficient to finish this work and then the Avian "Amoy" will set out on its next flight across China, eventually returning to Amoy when Mr. Chen will set to work training Chinese pilots. The "Amoy" is equipped with a special preparation to protect the fabric on the wings from damp and tropical heat. K.L.G. aero-engine plugs and British Thomson Houston Magneto's were used throughout the flight and proved themselves worthy of the trust placed in them.

Mr. Chen was very modest about his personal share in the flight and spoke highly of his friend Mr. Johnson, whose many years experience and unflinching energy had contributed largely to the success.

I learned from other sources that Mr. Wu, a prominent Chinese resident of Amoy, was responsible for financing the flight.

Without doubt, the flight ranks amongst the first great aviation achievements of recent years.

R. VAUGHAN FOWLER.

K.R.A. MEETING.

RELIEVING TRAFFIC AT "STAR" FERRY.

NEED FOR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place on Monday evening in St. Andrew's Church Hall, the following members being present—Mr. C. M. Manners (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. C. Terry (Hon. Secretary), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), and Messrs. E. Cock, B. W. Tape, T. T. Laurensen, B. Wylie, F. J. Easterbrook, F. W. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, H. Un, J. M. Alves, J. H. Hunt, W. J. Brown, C. B. Riggs, E. C. Tregillus, W. Goldenburg and the Rev. J. E. Johnson.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. W. J. Stokes and Lai Im To.

The Hon. Secretary read correspondence between the Association and the Government with regard to the proposal put forward by a group of residents for the development of Laichikok beach for bathing purposes. The Government in their reply stated that this proposal had not been approved as the provision of a public bathing beach was being considered and the Government had now approved the erection of public bathing sheds, etc. It was decided to request information from the Government as to whether the work would be completed in time for the facilities to be available this season.

Children's Playgrounds.

Letters from the Association to the Government with regard to lack of supervision at Chatham Road playground, and the provision of a playground in Yau-mai were read and approved, and it was decided to endeavour to ascertain when work would be commenced on the new playground at Middle Road.

"Star" Ferry Approach.

A lengthy report from the sub-committee was read, setting out expedients for immediate relief of the traffic congestion at the "Star" Ferry pending the introduction of a completion scheme of revision of the lay out. It was unanimously decided that the proposals be recommended to the authorities for immediate action, the urgent necessity for some such scheme being apparent.

Correspondence with regard to the speeding of motor vehicles past the children's playground, and the provision of "School" signs in the vicinity of Kowloon Junior School was laid on the table, together with a letter from the Association to the Water Authority with regard to the unsatisfactory position in Kowloon on May 2 as to water restriction.

Letters were also read from the various bus companies with whom the Association had communicated regarding the issue of books of 2nd class tickets for the convenience of firms employing large numbers of fitters, coolies, etc. It was ascertained that such books were available from the Kai Tack and China Motor Bus Co., and that the question of their introduction was under consideration by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co.

Board of Education.

The period of appointment of Mr. B. Wylie as a member of the Education Board being due to expire on May 16, it was unanimously decided that he be nominated for re-appointment. The President expressed the thanks of the Association for Mr. Wylie's past services in this connection.

Burials from Kowloon.

A letter from the St. Raphael's Burial Society regarding the exorbitant cost of transit of bodies across the harbour was read. It was pointed out that the Association had approached the Government on this subject in April last year, but nothing had been done. It was decided to bring the matter again to the attention of the Government and request that some facilities might be provided for this purpose.

Other correspondence with regard to playing fields in King's Park and noises at night having been dealt with, the question of increased membership of the Association was discussed. The Hon. Treasurer reported that forty-three new members had joined since the last meeting; although considered very satisfactory it was felt that this effort should be kept up, and a sub-committee was accordingly appointed for this purpose, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Hunt, H. Un, J. M. Alves and W. J. Brown. This concluded the business, and the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

LATEST FACTS AND FIGURES.

HONG KONG WATER WORKS.

The total storage in the Island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, May 13, amounted to 308.64 million gallons, showing a decrease of 2.03 million gallons during the past week. The amount collected from streams is, therefore, nearly equivalent to the week's consumption.

The week's consumption, amounting to 30.57 million gallons, and includes 1.68 million gallons brought across the harbour from Kowloon to the tanks on the Water Front, and 0.97 million gallons from the Taikoo Reservoir Supply.

The restrictions in force have effected a saving in consumption of about 20 per cent.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, May 13, amounted to 125.34 million gallons, showing an increase of 3.69 million gallons during the past week.

Rather more than the week's consumption has, therefore, been collected from streams.

The week's consumption, including supplies to water boats and Hong Kong, totals 25.07 million gallons. The normal full supply has been reduced by nearly 20 per cent. due to the restrictions.

PICTURES BY WIRE.

AUSTRALIAN PLANS.

["D.P." SPECIAL SERVICE.]

Melbourne.—"Transmission of pictures by telegraph will not be a source of great profit—it will not be a goldmine—but it will be of great use to the community," said Mr. H. P. Brown (director of postal services), at a luncheon of the Victorian Institute of Advertising.

Mr. Brown explained that the Postal Department was introducing the service largely because of its advertising value. The Department required advertisement. For the transmission of pictures it was proposed to establish offices with dark rooms and operating rooms at Melbourne and Sydney.

Because of the great cost of erecting a new circuit between Melbourne and Sydney the work would at first be carried out over a telephone trunk line. The operator at Melbourne would ask for a trunk connection to Sydney and would then use the trunk line for transmission until the picture was completed.

The idea was that a picture could be handed in, say, at Melbourne, and a faithful copy could be delivered to Sydney within a few minutes. The apparatus would transmit all kinds of pictures, photographs, finger prints, fashion plates, cartoons, sketches, short-hand notes, legal documents, documents, bearing chemical symbols, and formula, and greetings in the sender's handwriting. It was not yet possible to transmit colour. The prices had not been decided, but it was expected that they would range from 30/- for the smallest and lowest grade picture, to 35/- for the best and largest.

DANGLING FROM AEROPLANE.

ACROBAT'S TRAPEZE ROPE BREAKS.

Thousands of people watched a thrilling incident at a flying display at Jermolot, on the French frontier.

From beneath an aeroplane piloted by M. Petermann a trapeze was swung on which an acrobat named Vincent performed some daring feats. Suddenly one of the trapeze ropes snapped. The acrobat clung to the other rope, which was swinging violently, but he was unable to climb back into the aeroplane.

Another Plane Sent Up.

Another machine which was sent up flew under and at the side of the dangling man, hoping that he would have an opportunity of dropping on to or seizing one of its wings.

The acrobat, however, was half stunned and nearly frozen, and he would not let go the rope. It was now getting dark, and in a supreme effort to save his passenger's life M. Petermann brought his aeroplane as near as he dared to the ground and reduced speed to the lowest possible limit.

Realising that it was his last chance, Vincent let himself fall. He escaped with a few bruises and shock, while the pilot safely landed his aeroplane.



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POLICE PENSIONER CLUB OFFICIAL.

FINE FOR SUPPLYING DRINK AFTER HOURS.

The hearing of the summonses arising from the illegal sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor at the Ferozade Club, Dalton Junction, of which Sidney Walter Jackson, a pensioned police sergeant, was stated to be the manager and secretary, was concluded at the North London Police Court.

The three principal defendants were Jackson, Miss Betty Baker, the club manageress, and Albert Edward Clarke, the waiter of St. Paul's-road, Clarendonbury.

The magistrate fined Jackson £15 and £10 10s. costs for supplying drink after hours, and Miss Baker, who was similarly summoned, was fined £10 and £5 5s. costs. Clarke was fined £5 for aiding and abetting the supply; and the club was struck off the register and disqualified for a year.

The following were proved guilty of consuming after hours, and each fined £1.—Charles Voranger, of Philip-street, Whitechapel; Miss Ruby A. Gunthorpe, of Chertons-square, Balham; Jack Isaacoff, of Walde-street, Stepney; William Barker, of Southgate-road, Islington, and Carle Lampe, of Shacklewell-lane, Dalston.

These persons were stated to be musicians at an adjacent picture house.

LEE BIBLE'S WIFE GETS £80.

SEAGRAVE'S DEAD RIVAL.

["D.P." SPECIAL SERVICE.]

Mr. J. M. White, the owner of the Triplex racing car in which Mr. Lee Bible was killed during his attempt to beat Major Seagrave's world record, has given 400 dollars (£80) to Mrs. Bible and has agreed to pay the funeral expenses.

Major Seagrave's party also is planning a fund for presentation to Mrs. Bible. Major Seagrave's announcement of his retirement has cleared up speculation as to his future intentions. He is of the opinion that his record of 231.262 miles an hour will stand for several years to come.

CINEMA NEWS.

"THE COSSACKS" TODAY AT QUEEN'S.

John Gilbert and Renee Adoree will be seen at the Queen's from today to Saturday in a spectacular drama entitled "The Cossacks". Gilbert plays the part of a Cossack soldier during the Turkish wars, with Renee Adoree as his sweetheart, and Ernest Torrence as his father.

A great Turkish fort and nearly a mile of rocky crags were constructed for the picture. The story is taken from the Tolstoy novel, of the same name.

REINFORCEMENTS
FOR CANTON.

FUKIEN IN THE FIELD.

NORTHERN TROOPS ON THE
WAY.DECISIVE VICTORY AT
SAMSHUI.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton spent a most perturbed and apprehensive night. Rumours about the coming of the Kwangsi troops and the withdrawal of the Cantonese forces towards the East River were rife, and a general feeling of non-confidence and insecurity permeated the air. Night business was practically at a standstill. Every vehicle and pedestrian was stopped and searched.

SPOILS FROM SAMSHUI.

Over 20 water craft containing large quantities of stores and supplies have been captured in the fighting at Samshui, and are now being brought back to Canton. Two Kwangsi gunboats, the Taing Kiang and the Yueng Kiang, flew the white flag and surrendered to Kwangtung. Of the 3,000 Kwangsi invaders, about 2,000 were taken prisoners.

This was the first real battle of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi war and General Chen Tsai Tong attached considerable significance to the victory.

NORTH RIVER RETREAT.

While the Kwangsi troops on the West River were being repulsed, the Kwangsi troops on the North River are reported to have been gaining ground. All the Kwangtung troops have left Shuihsan for Yuen Tan and Sun Kai on the Canton-Hankow Railway. This retreat was necessary, as otherwise the advancing Kwangsi troops might cut the Kwangtung line. This unauthorised withdrawal of Colonel Yu Han Mow has incurred the wrath of General Chen Tsai Tong who had insisted that Shuihsan and the whole permanent way should be guarded as at all costs. General Chen Tsai Tong had his hitherto able and trusted subordinate brought to Canton and detained at the Military Headquarters. Chai Wei Lim, headquarter of General Chen Tsai Tong's subordinates implicated in this unauthorised retreat, is also detained.

BANDITS BUSY.

The evacuation of Shuihsan was a serious matter for the townspeople, as the city was left unprotected and at the mercy of bandit "Communists." These desperadoes immediately captured the city, disarming the few Police and the people's militia. The city is said to have been systematically ransacked. General Chen Tsai Tong has ordered Colonel Chen Chang Po to dislodge the Kwangsi troops from the North River within three days, and then proceed to Shuihsan to help the people there.

HELP FROM FUKIEN.

The Kwangtung troops are gaining ground in the East River districts, driving the remnants under the command of Li Mo Tze back towards Waichow.

Should Canton fall, the Kwangtung troops will endeavour to join hands with the Kwangsi and Fukien leaders, both of whom are still in alliance with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. General Chen Tsai Tong has already cabled to General Chang Ching of Fukien, requesting him to despatch an expedition into Kwangtung to drive out General Hsu King Tong's old army. Latest reports to hand state that the Fukien General has complied with the request and is leading an expedition into Kwangtung from Changchow, a city not far to the south of Amoy.

TROOPS FROM THE NORTH.

It is reported that a portion of the troops sent to Canton by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek will arrive here either tomorrow or the next day. It has been pointed out that unless outside help is forthcoming, Kwangtung is doomed to defeat. Practically the whole of Kwangtung is controlled at the moment either directly by Kwangsi troops or by Kwangtung troops proclaiming allegiance to Kwangsi. It appears that the only portion of the Province still strong for General Chen Tsai Tong and his men is Canton and vicinity, aside from isolated territory in northern Kwangtung which cannot render effective help.

WAICHOW CAPTURED?

(Wah Ts Yut Pao.)

It is reported that Colonel Tsai Ting Kai, of the Kwangtung 3rd Division, captured Waichow this afternoon (May 15). Colonel Li Mo Tze's men are retreating towards Ho Yuen.

MOTOR CAR
TAXATION.QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED
TODAY.AT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga will ask:

1.—In view of the weight of public opinion against the recommendations of the Committee appointed to advise on the taxation of motor-cars (S.P. 3/1929), is it the intention of Government to proceed with legislation on the lines of the Committee's recommendations?

2.—If so, will the Government delay any legislation until it has had time to receive representations which the recommendations in question are likely to call forth from the Automobile Association, the motoring and oil trades and transport companies operating in Hong Kong and Kowloon, and other interests affected?

3.—In the consideration of the aforesaid recommendations will the Government keep in view:

(a) a very generally expressed opinion, to which prominence was given in a leading article of the *South China Morning Post* of May 2, that "one of the primary needs of the Colony is decentralization—development of suburban residential areas particularly—and for this cheap transport is essential";

(b) the possibility of an increase in bus fares affecting the masses on whom the proposed taxation may fall most heavily and who are least capable of bearing it;

(c) the further rise in the high cost of living in the Colony; and

(d) the indirect blow at the free-trade policy of the Colony, on which its development and prosperity were founded, by penalizing one class of motor-car manufacturers in favour of another?

4.—Does the Government realise that adoption of the recommendations of the Committee would be tantamount to increasing the taxation on the average car in the Colony by over 20 per cent., thus tending to reduce the efficiency and excellence of the public service of motor-cars at present conducted by owner-drivers and discouraging, through enormously increased operating costs, private ownership?

5.—What was the actual quantity of petrol imported in Hong Kong in 1928 and what is the estimated quantity for 1929 and the value thereof?

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND
FIRE BRIGADE.MR. J. P. BRAGA'S
QUESTIONS.

TO BE ANSWERED TODAY.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, Mr. J. P. Braga will ask:

Has the Captain Superintendent of Police had his attention drawn to the leading article in the *Hong Kong Daily Press* of May 7, alleging that the standard of efficiency among the rank and file of the fire brigade is low because nearly 50 per cent. of the force leave the service every year by dismissal, resignation or desertion, and is that statement accurate?

Is it considered that the wages offered to firemen are such as to attract suitable recruits to the service, and have any complaints regarding the wages paid been brought to the notice of the authorities?

Besides the question of salaries, what other grounds, if any, exist for dissatisfaction with the conditions of service in the Fire Brigade Sub-department of the Police?

HO CHIEN ADVANCES.

SERIOUS THREAT TO
KWANGSI.

[THROUGH BEIJING'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 15. Changsha reports are that the vanguards of the Hunan troops arrived in the vicinity of Kweilin yesterday. Pinglo is now completely surrounded by Government troops.

Ho Chien, commanding the Hunan troops, is proceeding from Yungchow to Chuanchow, to where his field headquarters is being removed. Hsueh says that by order of Chiang Kai Shek two divisions of Hupeh troops are preparing to participate in the anti-Kwangsi campaign.

THE KAI TACK AIR
TRAGEDY.IS THE FLYING FIELD
TOO SMALL?

EYE-WITNESSES' EVIDENCE.

At Kowloon Magistracy yesterday the inquiry into the death of three Chinese who were killed on April 27 just outside Kai Tack Aerodrome following the crash of one of the aeroplanes while landing after escorting H.M.S. Suffolk out of harbour was continued.

Flight Lieutenant Pearce, R.A.F., was recalled by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, the Coroner, who said that he understood the witness to say in his previous evidence that certain parts of the flying field were unsuitable for landing. Witness replied that he had referred to certain portion of the Aerodrome which is at present being repaired.

Coroner: Is the part used for landing adequate?—It is not a good aerodrome but it is adequate for the purpose.

Speed on Landing.

Witness was asked the speed with which an aeroplane of the type involved in the crash would land. Witness replied that it would approach the aerodrome at about 70 miles per hour and would be travelling at about 55-60 m.p.h. just before touching the ground. If there was a moderate wind against the plane it would come to a stop a little over 100 yards, but if there was no wind at all the machine would taxi over the field for a distance of 300 or 400 yards before coming to a halt. On landing a pilot would have to make up his mind within one or two seconds upon a possible change of flight.

Sergeant L. W. Kent, R.A.F., said he occupied the forward end of the observer's cockpit of the plane. On landing, the machine touched the ground about 200 yards from the boundary fence. The machine made a very fast landing at about 30-35 knots, owing to the absence of wind.

Squadron Leader Keeble informed the Coroner that this would be about 40-45 m.p.h.

The plane no sooner touched the ground than the pilot opened up the throttle again, witness continued. He could not say that he was surprised by that action. The machine was on the point of landing when it struck the fence and it carried on and struck the machine. Witness was dazed by a blow which he received on his chest but immediately jumped clear of the machine as soon as it came to rest.

Foreman's Questions.

Mr. L. Yates, the foreman of the jury asked witness if he had any theory as to the cause of the accident, considering that the speed on landing was normal compared to the figures given by Flt.-Lieut. Pearce. He replied that he considered that there was "nothing wrong at all." The pilot simply found himself overshooting the mark and decided to "take off" again.

Squadron Leader Keeble remarked that a plane couldn't stay in the air under 50 m.p.h.

Coroner: Did it strike you as quite a feasible thing for the machine to take off again?—Yes. Lieut. A. C. Watson, who piloted the crashed machine, questioned by Mr. Yates said he had not received any instructions to make a quick landing owing to the late hour.

Mr. F. W. Lawrence, of the P.W.D. said he took up a position on the boundary fence just before the first plane landed. He noticed that the second machine was going to land and suddenly heard the engine accelerate. It ran into the boundary fence and crashed across the road. He helped to remove two Chinese who were hit by the plane as it flew across the road. Witness moved out of the way when he heard the engine accelerate, but the Chinese took no notice and kept on walking along the road.

Mr. A. J. Bailey, of the Sanitary Department said he was standing next to last witness. He immediately moved away and the machine crashed into the fence where he had stood. The tail-end of the machine caught one of the Chinese, who was apparently unaware of the machine's approach and was knocked down. Witness ran to him immediately and found that he was badly injured. The R.A.F. ambulance came up a few seconds later and took the man to hospital.

Evidence of the identification of the three victims was given and the Coroner adjourned the hearing until this afternoon.

TREASURY AND BANK CASE.

MR. JENKIN'S FOUR-HOUR ADDRESS.

CRITICISM OF TREASURY OFFICIALS.

ARE THE SIGNATURES GENUINE?

An address lasting four hours was given yesterday before the Chief Justice and special jury in the Supreme Court by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, counsel for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in the action brought against them by the Government for re-crediting of \$300,000 connected with the Carralho Yoo frauds. The sum represents the total of three Treasury cheques purporting to bear the signatures of Mr. C. McI. Messer, Colonial Treasurer, and Mr. T. Black, Cashier.

"NO PERSONAL FEELINGS INVOLVED."

Analysing points in Mr. Messer's signature, counsel used this phrase: "I put it to you that there is no man born of woman who could have written this signature except Mr. Messer himself."

With regard to Mr. Black's signature, Mr. Jenkin asked the jury to observe "freedom and beauty." A point had been made by Mr. Black that the signatures on the Katz and Man Lee cheques were similar, but they had only to look into them closely to find they were as different as they could possibly be. To illustrate this, counsel gave blackboard demonstrations concerning eight points of dissimilarity.

Position of Signature.

The position of Mr. Black's signature was a point which might weigh very heavily. The previously known instance of Mr. Black's signature being in the left position was in April, 1927, roughly eight months before these happenings, and the cheque had been with the Bank until a few months ago. There were plenty of other cheques for the current period lying about so that a man could see the position of the signature, but there were none written in the extreme left position.

Dealing with Tsang's On Wing's writing, Mr. Jenkin said that before mentioning anything about the C.S.P. cheque, he had obtained from this witness variations of capital "h" and small "p" which the jury would observe occurred in that particular cheque and nowhere else. Tsang On Wing had anticipated questions on these unprecedented variations and, therefore, set the letters down. The only answer that Tsang could give for using that unprecedented form was that was "writing unconsciously."

There was also a form of "x" found only in this cheque which Tsang had said he used in writing the word "sixty." It had been stated by the prosecution that Tsang might have been a fool, but not a knave. Counsel would prove that Tsang was no fool. The putting forward of the unprecedented variations showed a great degree of mental activity.

Trick Hypothesis.

Turning to the hypothesis that the signatures were obtained by a trick, Mr. Jenkin dwelt on the state of indecision in the minds of Treasury officials, and a number of people engaged on behalf of the Government, for some considerable time after the discovery, as to whether the signatures were genuine or forgeries. The Treasury did not disclose their hands. If it was known that the signatures were forgeries, why was it that everything points to the two hypotheses being entertained?

On the evidence as a whole, counsel would put it that Mr. Messer's signature was not repudiated until eight days after the discovery on January 18.

On the afternoon of January 18, the Treasury officials considered that Tsang was "in it." This "trusted servant of the Treasury" was arrested together with Cheung Man Kiu and held for 30 days, which showed the state of indecision in the minds of those investigating the matter.

Regarding Mr. Black's signature, it was clear that it was not repudiated until some time afterward. It was certainly not repudiated at the Bank interview. Mr. Messer had asked Mr. Black not to say anything at the Bank, and he would therefore remain silent.

Counsel spoke at length on the alterations in the numbers appearing on the cheque book cover. The book was received from the Bank with 600 cheques, checked and acknowledged. It was taken out of the safe on December 20. Two days later Tsang claims to have noticed the alterations on the cover, and he was silent.

Tsang's Assistant.

Mr. Jenkin asked if the jury could believe that, having discovered the alterations on the covers, it was assumed that the Bank had sent 30 cheques short. The entire custody of cheque books had been entrusted to Tsang, and he was guilty of this inexplicable patch of mental inertia.

Counsel referred to Cheung Man Kiu, whose name was frequently associated with these proceedings, not being called as a witness. Cheung was the man next to Tsang who could have explained matters. Mr. Jenkin said he would put it that both Tsang and Cheung knew that the alterations were made after the cheque book came from the Bank. There was "a fraud-a-loc," and they knew it, at least on December 22 if not earlier.

Dealing with Treasury routine, Mr. Jenkin asked if Mr. Messer and Mr. Black had discharged their duties in an ordinary diligent way. Public money and public servants were concerned. One would expect that there would be shown that degree of care from those entrusted with the confidence of the public. Instead, cheque books were left lying about at tiffin time and were put among other books in a safe. This procedure was not checked for eight years. It was not compatible with efficiency to turn over the custody and management to a subordinate and never exercise the slightest supervision.

Treasury Methods.

"Look what they are doing now like locking the stable door," exclaimed Mr. Jenkin. "The cheque book on receipt from the Bank is verified by two separate officials. It is sent to the gaul and checked again on return. The cheque book is examined every day. The reserve cheque book is locked in Mr. Messer's safe. The current cheque book is locked up at tiffin time!"

Meeting the officials half way, and assuming that only two or three of these steps had been in vogue on December 30 or during that month, Mr. Jenkin said that nothing would have happened.

He continued that, according to Mr. Messer, for 29 years there had been an arrangement between the Treasury and the Bank by which advice passed between each other regarding anything unusual about cheques, in order to avoid possibility or probability of fraud.

The alterations in the cheque book covers were discovered on December 29 by Tsang, who made a misleading report to Mr. Messer. Tsang had five opportunities to report this important discovery to his superiors.

It was only on January 18 that Mr. Black returned from the Bank and Mr. Messer made the astounding discovery that 30 cheques were short from the book out of which the three disputed cheques came. It was then for the first time that Tsang said that he knew that 30 cheques were sent short by the Bank.

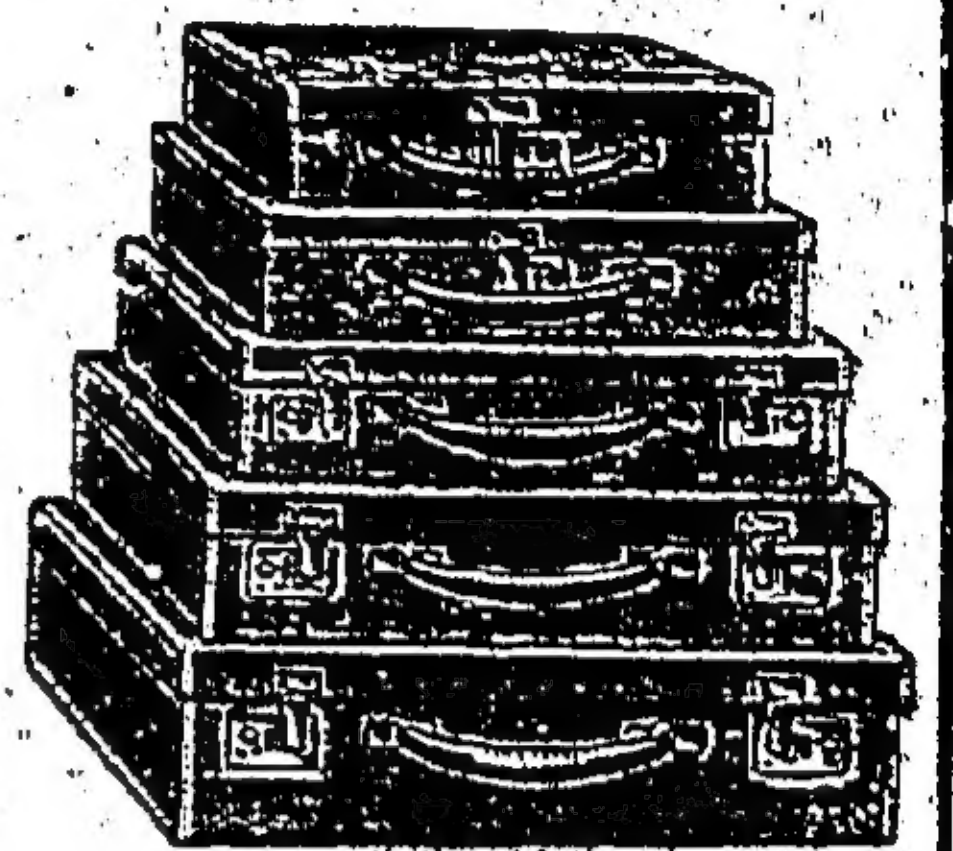
In closing his address, Mr. Jenkin thanked the jury for their patience. Mr. Potter will commence his address at 10.30 this morning.

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NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONG KONG, ANNEX on FRIDAY, 17th MAY, 1929, at 5.10 P.M.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th Apr., 1929. [7718]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th MAY, and on MONDAY, 20th MAY, 1929, commencing at 3 P.M.

The First Ball will be rung at 2.30 P.M. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies.

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[7780]

NOTICE.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 23rd MAY, 1929, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED From the 6th to the 22nd MAY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [7724]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11 O'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED From 6th MAY to 24th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929. [7721]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From 6th MAY to 24th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929. [7722]

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11.20 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From 6th MAY to 24th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929. [7723]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1929.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.30 p.m., stated—

A weak anticyclone is central to the east of Japan. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China to the Caroline Islands.

Local Forecast:—E. or variable winds, moderate, cloudy, occasional rain.

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SLAVERY IN HONG KONG.

LITTLE if any progress appears to have been made in the direction of disposing of the "mui tsai" problem in Hong Kong. It will be remembered that some months ago the question was raised in Parliament, and comment of a decidedly sharp character came from both sides of the House of Commons during the brief but brisk exchange of question and answer. Further discussion was dropped pending receipt by the Colonial Office of a detailed report on the subject which was called for from H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong. That report duly went forward to London, but has not been published, presumably because it lacked certain details which the Colonial Office considered essential, and which were subsequently requested to be sent forward. This is the position as it has been announced in London regarding the discussion raised in the House of Commons early this year.

Now that Parliament has been dissolved, it is unlikely that anything more will be heard in the House about the "mui tsai" question until next autumn. What progress, if any, there will be then to report will depend to some extent upon the identity of the gentleman sitting in the chair as head of the Colonial Office. The House of Commons has very many matters of interest and importance to discuss in a very limited amount of time, and it would be foolish to pretend that matters affecting the welfare of a comparatively small number of Chinese girls in Hong Kong should come in for attention before problems affecting a very much larger number of people much more directly and vitally. We may be quite certain, however, that in the next Parliament there will be members determined to raise this question again and again until satisfactory assurances are obtained from the Government in power.

In addition to the action taken in Parliament to bring this question into public notice, efforts have been made here in Hong Kong to evolve some plan whereby the admitted evils of the "mui tsai" system may be minimised, if not completely removed. Official machinery east of Suzer evidently moves as slowly as similar wheels in the West. The honorary secretary of the Anti-Mui Tsai Society has been in touch with the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for some months in an effort to reach an agreement as to certain regulations for the control of "mui tsai." In a letter to that Department dated May 8, and recently reproduced in our columns, attention is called to the fact that a considerable time had elapsed since certain suggestions had been submitted by the Anti-Mui Tsai Society for official consideration. Nothing more having been heard of the matter from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the spokesman of the Society says members would be grateful for a reply to their proposals, "indicating whether or not the Government is in a position to assent to the proposed measure for checking slavery in Hong Kong." The request is reasonable enough, as it is now two months since the detailed suggestions were submitted to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. It was early in February when questions were asked in Parliament, and it was towards the end of April that the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies told the House that his chief was asking for further information from Hong Kong. It was also stated at the time that the Colonial Office, in concert with the

Governor of Hong Kong, was considering means to prevent evasions of the law against child adoption. But the point about which the Anti-Mui Tsai Society is most concerned is not evasion of the law so much as the non-operation of the law. An Ordinance was passed in Hong Kong six years ago dealing with the "mui tsai" problem, but the third section of that law has never been put into force—and it is precisely that section which is regarded by critics of the system as most essential. Compulsory registration of "mui tsai," it is contended, would very materially assist the authorities in preventing and punishing ill-treatment of the unfortunate children who are the helpless victims of the system, and in checking further recruiting of girl-slaves.

It has been said in the House of Commons, and we have no hesitation in accepting the statement, that the British Government has "no reason to believe that the authorities in Hong Kong were not carefully watching any case of ill-treatment, or any case in which a girl expresses a wish to leave the family with which she is living." We sincerely believe that if any girl appealed to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for help to escape from an intolerable position, the authorities would give her every possible assistance. But the difficulties of the situation are not to be overcome quite so easily, of not before Part III. of the 1923 Ordinance is put into operation. It is argued in official quarters that by thus enforcing registration of "mui tsai," the Hong Kong Government would give official recognition to what is regarded as an illegal practice. But official hesitation to put Part III. of the 1923 Ordinance into effect actually makes conditions worse than they would be. With every "mui tsai" registered with the authorities, it would be possible—as it is not at present—to keep close watch upon this traffic in helpless humanity. With the order that the name of every girl and her purchaser must be placed on official record, any "mui tsai" not registered could claim her liberty, and her master or mistress heavily fined for failing to put her name on the register. It is estimated that, with Part III. of the 1923 Ordinance put into operation, ten years would see an end of the "mui tsai" system and all its attendant evils.

The Ordinance of 1923 prohibits any person taking "mui tsai" into his or her employment, but the Section providing that girls already purchased under this system should be registered with the authorities has not been enforced. Until that machinery is put in motion, how is it possible to know how many of these unfortunate children have been sold as household slaves—or worse? Official objections to registration appear to rest mainly upon the trouble and expense involved in keeping accurate records of the names and addresses of these girls and their owners. It has been pointed out by the Anti-Mui Tsai Society that these objections are not valid, and detailed suggestions have been submitted to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for overcoming the difficulties alleged to arise out of registration. What the Hong Kong Government thinks of these proposals nobody outside official circles knows, though there has been ample time to consider them most carefully, and the inquiries received from the authorities in London need not have delayed or interfered with consideration of the Society's suggestions. It does seem most unfortunate that there should be such hesitation to take action, or even to express an opinion. Scornful fingers are frequently pointed at the Chinese authorities when severe laws and vigorous regulations are promulgated but things go on just as if no administrative action had been taken. Is the record of Hong Kong any better in the matter of the "mui tsai" scandal?

News and Views.

Two cases of small-pox from Victoria, and one from Kowloon (all Chinese) were reported on Tuesday.

The Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. notify an extension of Route No. 4 to Yau Matiti Ferry, to take effect from May 21.

During the small hours of yesterday morning, a thief broke into 19, Ko-Shing Street and stole from a safe \$1,500 in Hong Kong notes.

"I have now no manager, no flowers and no \$500" was the way in which a Chinese told the police that he was robbed by his manager, who was given the money to buy flowers for a shop in Kowloon City.

A remand of 48 hours was ordered when a Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at Kowloon Magistrate on a charge of possession of one revolver and three rounds of ammunition.

The Police are searching for a Chinese youth who was kidnapped in Canton recently and is believed to have been sent to Hong Kong on one of the Canton steamers. The parents of the kidnapped youth are in Hong Kong and are convinced that their son can be found here.

The Allied Rhineland High Commission at Cologne has issued an ordinance forbidding the sale in occupied territory of gramophone records entitled "The Foreign Legionary." This seems to be a new form of prohibition, as hitherto gramophone records have not been subjected to censorship.

An interesting sequel to the "squeeze ring" case was heard at Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese was charged with collecting money from a number of hawkers on the pretence that he was doing so for the benefit of Chinese constables of the "hawkers' squad." The hearing will take place to-day.

A woman pleaded tearfully to the Cardigan Board of Guardians recently for the discharge of her "freak" son from the institution. When he was four months old, she said, she was offered £7,000 for him for show purposes, but refused out of mother love. The application was refused, permission being given for the son to visit her periodically.

The Paris municipal authorities are considering what action shall be taken in regard to listeners' arials. According to reports from Paris the roofs of the city are disfigured in a lamentable fashion by all kinds of masts and wires, many of which are not even properly fixed, but sway about in an alarming manner with every gust of wind. Owing to official laxity, listeners are becoming increasingly daring, and few hesitate to fling their arials across the streets.

The advertisement of a new form of rouge and lipstick announces that "both are rain-proof, kiss and water proof. Neither can soil handkerchief nor cigarette. One application remains until washed with water and soap." That seems fairly satisfactory—apparently the newly decorated face can be exposed to anything from a kiss to a cascade without looking any the worse for wear. About the only pastime that seems to be really ruled out is blowing bubbles, for that would introduce the fatal combination of soap and water. Fortunately, ladies with faces like that are not, in most cases, passionately addicted to the clay pipe and the bowl of soapy water as a distraction.

Reclus Doctor's Hoard. Bonds and other securities worth £30,000 have been found hidden away in the attic of the dilapidated house at Leeds which was recently occupied by Dr. Phillip Foster, who died last August, aged 85—and his brother, Dr. Clarence Foster, who died at the end of last January, aged 53. It was known at the time of Dr. Clarence Foster's death that he was a rich man, although both he and his brother had lived as poverty-stricken recluses. Three relatives, nephews and a niece, inherited between them about £60,000, and the search of the house was undertaken because a bank manager had informed them that known bonds for £20,000 could not be traced. The house, a large one, had been the residence of the doctor's father, Dr. Edwin Foster, who left £25,000 to his sons. Temporarily they were made frequently for the purchase of the property, but they were always firmly refused with the dignity that the two brothers showed on all occasions. The house was found to be indescribably dilapidated, the paper peeling off the walls. The nephew and the niece were accompanied in their search by the family solicitor. When the rolls of bonds were discovered they were covered with soot and dust. The one for £20,000 had been tossed aside as useless paper, when a solicitor insisted on looking at it again.

A Ship Master's Complaint. High-handed methods are not associated with the Singapore Police, but there is a ship master plying to and from the port who feels that he has a distinct grievance. He states that recently he arrived in port and was booked by members of the Marine Police. He was then "virtually placed under arrest" by two Inspectors, as they asked me to go ashore with them.

On arrival at the station he was informed that he could be released on personal bail of \$500 and would have to attend the police court on a certain date on a charge of entering the port with his Plimsoll mark submerged. Eventually he appeared in court, pleaded guilty and was fined \$80. He complains of the humiliation to which a master of a vessel is subjected at being arrested on his own ship, and says that it was clearly a case where some tact and consideration might have been shown. An intimation to the court would have been sufficient, and such matters are usually dealt with by the Master Attendant. He further complains that after the case has been disposed of he was again asked to go to the Marine Police Station, and there his fingerprints were taken, so that he is now "a registered criminal." Probably the Police hold that there is a certain procedure to be followed in these matters, but, while admitting that we have heard only the captain's side of the story, it does seem to the layman that there was a case where a little tact might have been shown and the same result attained.

Lancashire and China.

Last month at Bradford, Lieut.-Colonel Palin Dawson, of the well-known Bolton firm of textile machinists, was elected President of the Textile Institute for the coming year. In the course of his address Colonel Dawson dealt with trade conditions in various countries, including Japan, Russia, and China. Referring to the possibilities of future trading with China, he remarked that, if every Chinese were to order only one handkerchief the cotton industry of Lancashire would enter upon a boom straight away. Considerations put to him by friends who had recently returned from China impelled him to ask several questions: Were we catering for the Chinese and making the goods they wanted? Were we selling in the cheapest way or were there too many commissions to pay between the factory and the purchaser? Were we doing our best to push our goods or leaving this to merchants who might be pushing foreign goods at the same time? Those were questions for the cotton industry to ask itself and answer. China was certainly one of the markets upon which they should fix their attention. A unified Government would surely come in China, and the Lancashire trade should be prepared to take advantage of the new conditions which would then be established.

"The Seven Seas." Among the many forms of war memorial which have been raised in various parts of the world to Britons of all ranks and ratings who gave their lives on land or sea during the Great War, one that stands out in point of interest is the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon. Its 25 bells are being cast in England by the well-known firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and each will be named and specially inscribed. Of special interest to seafarers will be one bell of the carillon to be specially dedicated in commemoration of officers and men of the British mercantile marine who died during war service, and which is to be most aptly named the "Seven Seas." The inscription on this bell will be as follows:—

My Name is "THE SEVEN SEAS." Cherish me as a tribute to the British Mercantile Marine. 1914-1918.

"If blood be the price of admiralty, Lord God, we have paid in full."

"LIGHTS ARE BRIGHT AND ALL'S WELL."

Before the shipment of this particular bell from London for New Zealand a special dedication service is to be held.

Chinese Medicine in Singapore. Some interesting comments upon the telegram which has been sent to Canton by Chinese physicians and druggists in Kuala Lumpur urging the preservation of the ancient medical science of China were made to the Straits Times last week by a Western-trained Chinese doctor. Dr. Chen Su Lan, who took his degree from the King Edward VII. College of Medicine, and has an extensive practice among the Chinese in Singapore, said that Chinese medicine was not at all quackery by any means. He instanced a herb that had been used in the Chinese pharmacopoeia for many centuries to produce perspiration. A Western-trained Chinese doctor at the Faping Medical College had now found that this drug had the same action as adrenalin, but was more effective. As used by the native doctor, however, an overdose was likely to be given, with harmful results. "There are many Chinese drugs which are found in the European pharmacopoeia," Dr. Chen Su Lan added, "and I should say that nearly everything in a Chinese medicine shop is useful at one time or another. Of course, there is a great deal of guesswork, and the native doctor's knowledge of the remedies he uses does not go far enough. All the remedies obtainable from a native medicine man can be given more accurately by a European-trained doctor, and another point is that European medicines are standardized and tested, while Chinese medicines are not." Chinese medicine had often gone a surprising distance in the right direction, Dr. Chen Su Lan pointed out. "If a man has a headache the Chinese physician will prescribe a potion made of sheep's brain," he said, "and yet this is not as ridiculous as it sounds when I remember that in Armour's packing factories in Chicago I saw great heaps of various organs of animals—tyroid glands and so on—which were to be sold to manufacturing chemists. Personally I think we can do very well without Chinese medicine, but the native doctors themselves realize the need for improvement and surely some scheme can be devised to help them to adapt themselves to the changing times. Chinese medicine must be superseded by Western medicine sooner or later; that is inevitable, but I think the problem will gradually solve itself. Chinese in Singapore are losing their prejudice against Western medicine very rapidly, and even the working classes are learning to call in the Western-trained doctor. I remember that when I started in practice I could not persuade any of my patients to submit to an injection; now they positively clamour for it."

FENG'S MALADY.

"MAY NOT LIVE LONG."

HEART AND KIDNEY
TROUBLE.

[British United Press.]

Peking.—Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is so seriously ill that he probably can never again actively participate in any major campaign in China, according to diagnosis of the war-lord's condition recently made by a Chinese doctor in the Peking Union Medical College, the foremost medical school of China. This diagnosis showed that Marshal Feng is suffering from a combination of heart and kidney trouble, which may permit him to live for several years, but only in case he does not exert himself. The doctor states that it would be fatal for Marshal Feng to do any strenuous work.

Uncertain Attitude.

Marshal Feng has been one of the foremost warlords in China for a dozen years. His attitude toward the various central governments which have been in power since the fall of the Manchu empire has been uncertain, and Chinese politicians have always had to consider him as a major factor in any development. Since the country was nominally unified in the spring of 1928, Marshal Feng has steadily supported the Central Government, but his probable attitude was always a matter of close attention. If Marshal Feng is eliminated from any possibility of an aggressive military campaign, it is apparent that he is no longer an important factor in a country where military force still is the dominating influence. His elimination means that the Nanking Government can proceed with its plans with greater assurance than if he were a constant military threat.

Marshal Feng is credited with having the best disciplined army in China. His generals are said to be more loyal to their commander-in-chief than those of any other. He has attempted to teach his soldiers good trades, in which they could earn their living if disbanded. Few other generals have done the same.

Buying Generals.

Warfare in China, even down to the present, has consisted more of buying off rival generals or of subverting them in actual fighting. It is said that the so important general who betrayed Marshal Feng, and his ability to depend upon his subordinates has been, perhaps his greatest strength.

While Marshal Feng retains control of his large army, in spite of his illness, he is not expected to take aggressive measures again, even if he should become hostile to the group controlling the Central Government. None of his subordinates is regarded as a great leader, although they are competent soldiers. Without Marshal Feng's direct guidance, they are not expected to indulge in a campaign against the authorities at Nanking. Marshal Feng has been known recently as the "voice of the people." He has issued statements insisting upon the evils of civil war and of fighting for personal aggrandizement which are regarded as the almost unanimous views of the Chinese masses. He has become a censor of corrupt politicians and unscrupulous militarists, many of whom still flourish in China.

With Marshal Feng eliminated, General Chiang Kai Shek becomes easily the dominant warlord of China, supported by Marshal Yen Hsi Shan and General Chang Hsueh Liang, both interested only in their own provinces.

DR. SUN YAT SEN'S
BURIAL.BRITISH MINISTER TO
ATTEND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, May 15. Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, has left for Shanghai, in order to be present at Dr. Sun Yat Sen's re-interment.

Special Stamp Issue.

NANKING, May 15. Stamps to commemorate the State Burial of Dr. Sun Yat Sen have been printed and will shortly be distributed to post offices throughout the country, the sale to begin on May 16.

The centre of the stamp is a picture of the Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum.

COUNCIL MATTERS.

(Nam Cheung Pao).

At a meeting of the Administrative Council on May 14 a resolution was passed refusing the resignation tendered by Tang Jui Liang as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

With regard to the request of the Finance Minister, Mr. T. Y. Soong, to increase the Nanking and Hankow Special Municipal Public Loans by \$3,000,000 and \$1,500,000 respectively, it was decided to refer the matter to the Central Government.

ONE WOMAN TO
ANOTHER.MESSAGE FROM MRS.
BALDWIN.

A DOMESTIC APPEAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 15. Mrs. Baldwin has issued a message to women voters, reading the Conservatives' domestic policy. It concludes, "during the war, in the night watches, and whilst pursuing our daily avocations, we women prayed to God to send us peace. Then came strikes, and again we prayed for peace. Let us keep the Government which worked for peace and maintained peace."

That "White Paper."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, at Hamilton, "adverted to the 'white paper.'" He said the matter was more serious than originally appeared. Not only had public money been used for Tory electioneering, but the Civil Service had been enlisted to supplement the Tory Headquarters Staff.

Thus, the Government had done the greatest injury to public confidence in the Civil Service.

ANOTHER WAR THREAT?

MORE TROUBLE IN THE
NORTH.

(Industrial and Commercial Daily Press).

Under the pretext of suppressing banditry, Chiang Kai Shek has lately reinforced the troops at Honan, Ashwei, Shantung and along the Lung-Hai Railway line, really in order to take military preparations against Feng Yu Hsiang who has also prepared for war.

According to General Ho Ching Chun and Hsiao Chen, war is inevitable.

It is reported that the troops of Feng number over 200,000. By Chiang Kai Shek's order, troops at Chihli under the command of Tang Seig Chi have moved along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

General Tang, who is loyal to Chiang, will probably be appointed chairman of the Provincial Government of Shantung.

JAPANESE LEAVE
QUIETLY.

A SMOOTH TRANSFER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, May 15. Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, has received a telegram from the Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Shantung reporting that the withdrawal of Japanese cavalry between Tsinan and Chouwang was completed yesterday morning. Chinese troops have taken over the garrison duties.

Peace and order were well maintained throughout the process of evacuation, and the transfer was effected smoothly and without incident.

BRITISH PLANTER
KILLED.MURDER IN DUTCH EAST
INDIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, May 15. Mr. James William Fletcher, the British manager of a Chinese-owned rubber and pineapple estate on the island of Rhio, in the Dutch East Indies, has been brutally murdered by a crowd of Chinese armed with Malay sheath-knives.

Eight arrests have been made.

LANCASHIRE MILLS
MERGER.

3,000,000 SPINDLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 15. It is understood that the proposed merger of Egyptian cotton spinning mills in several districts in Lancashire is nearing completion, the Board of Directors concerned having provisionally agreed to the terms. The merger involves fifteen mills, and a total spindleage of over 3,000,000. Also it will introduce from £2,500,000 to £3,000,000 in new money, a substantial amount of which will be earmarked for working capital.

PROSPERITY IN
AMERICA."ONLY TOUCHED THE
FRINGE."

GLOWING OPTIMISM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 15. American prosperity which for the past seven years has been "splendid beyond all human experience" will advance to an even higher level if the economic balance between production and consumption is maintained.

This is the opinion of President Hoover's Committee on recent economic changes, and the report is also signed by sixteen of the foremost business men in America including Mr. Owen Young and Mr. Raskob.

The report suggests that the country has "only touched the fringe of its potentialities."

GRAF ZEPPELIN FLIGHT
DELAYED.

FRENCH OBJECTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, May 15. There was a dramatic development following the official announcement that the Graf Zeppelin, with passengers including Sir Hubert Wilkins, the North Pole flier, and "Sui," a young gorilla, would start on a Transatlantic flight.

This morning the Commander, Dr. Eckener announced that the departure had been postponed, as the French Government had not given permission to fly over French territory.

The Reason.

LATER. The French Government has now given permission for the Graf Zeppelin to cross the frontier between 7 and 9 a.m. The airship, which bad weather has prevented taking the Holland and Britain route, may however take the latter course if the weather improves.

The French attitude is attributed to the fact that on the last occasion the pilot, Dr. Eckener, deviated from the specified route and flew over the fortress of Besancon and the engineering works at Creusot, because of which a diplomatic protest was lodged. Dr. Eckener explained that the meteorological conditions had compelled the deviation.

The Zeppelin's freight includes one grand piano.

NEW ATTEMPT ON FLIGHT
RECORD.DUCHESS OF BEDFORD'S
AMBITION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, May 14. The Duchess of Bedford, it is understood, intends to attempt to fly to India in two days, her ambition being to surpass, if possible, the great accomplishment of the two Royal Air Force officers, Squadron-Leader Jones-Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, who reached Karachi in 50 hours, 38 minutes and just failed to break the world's non-stop long distance record.

The Duchess's attempt will be made in the big Fokker Monoplane "Princess Xenia" in which, nearly a year ago, Captain Barnard and Mr. Alkott (with the Duchess as passenger) attempted to fly to India in four days. They were forced down at Bushire, Persia, by engine trouble and were stranded for several weeks. Capt. Barnard will be the pilot for the new flight which, it is understood, will start in three or four weeks' time.

DISARMAMENT.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S
OPINION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 14. It is understood that President Hoover is of opinion that no further disarmament action can be taken until the Naval Powers have made a more detailed study of the American proposals submitted at Geneva.

RENEWED RIOTING
IN BOMBAY.POLICE AND TROOPS
CALLED OUT.

AN UGLY SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, May 15. A recrudescence of mob violence has occurred in the mill area. Police made a bayonet charge on an unruly crowd of strikers in De Lisle Road, and two strikers were severely wounded. Troops also fired in the air.

Strikers at Moon mills stoned an Indian police officer, and reinforcements were hurried up. The crowd refused to disperse, and three shots were fired in the air. Nobody was wounded, but one policeman and two strikers were injured in the scuffle.

Strikers also broke into four mills, and refused to leave. Several mills which had resumed work have been compelled to close down owing to passive resistance. Not a single mill has paid its April wages on account of the disturbed situation.

The Girmankar Union, despite an order forbidding assemblies of more than five persons, which is still in force, has advised strikers to gather at the mill gates to demand their wages, or to practice passive resistance until paid.

This is likely to lead to further disorders, and police and military have been posted at strategic points.

THEIR MAJESTIES LEAVE
FOR WINDSOR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 15. An enthusiastic farewell was extended to Their Majesties upon their departure from Bognor for Windsor.

UNINTELLIGIBLE BILLS.

NEED OF STRONG DRAFTING
DEPARTMENT.A correspondent writes to *The Times*—

SIR.—You were good enough to insert in your issue of February 25 a letter from me urging that the subject of Parliamentary drafting is one of first-class importance and urging the need for the creation of a numerically strong Drafting Department.

The creation of a numerically strong Drafting Department is long overdue. Many of your readers will have observed that the Prime Minister in his speech, as reported in your columns, at the Civil Service dinner held on the 18th instant, confessed that, when Financial Secretary to the Treasury, he had to move in the House of Commons a clause in a Finance Bill "that no one could understand." He said to the House, "The clause is incomprehensible. I can't understand it, and you won't, but it is all right." He added in his speech that the clause went through without discussion and without a division and was part of the law of the land now. I might have thought that the Prime Minister was joking if I had not heard other Ministers state that they have been placed in a similar predicament with regard to clauses they have been called upon to move. There is no good reason for any clause in a Bill being incomprehensible. Every draftsman knows that the English language is adequate to express in clear terms everything that the Legislature can want to express. But a numerically strong staff must be employed. Such a course would be worth while. A reference to the authorized King's Bench Reports for the year 1928 shows that out of a total number of 112 reported cases no fewer than 68 were cases depending on the construction of modern, or comparatively modern, Acts of Parliament.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD H. BENX.

The Athenaeum.

DEATH OF SOCIETY
HOSTESS.

[D.P. Special Service.]

The death occurred in London on Tuesday of Mrs. Willie-James, a famous society hostess who frequently entertained King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

INTERNATIONAL SEA
CODE.NEW NAVIGATION RULES
PROPOSED.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 15. A communique issued by the International Conference for Safety of Life at Sea states that the Committee of Navigation are considering the inclusion in the Convention of 1914 of new provisions for the collection and distribution of meteorological data, designed to give warning of gales and hurricanes.

The same Committee has agreed to recommend the universal adoption of an International Code: Firstly, a compulsory second white masthead light on steamers over 100 ft. long; secondly, a permanent fixed stern light on all except the smallest of vessels; thirdly, a special day signal for sailing vessels fitted with auxiliary motors; and fourthly, a special fog-signal for a towed vessel.

SINO-JAPANESE
RELATIONS.

CRUSHING THE BOYCOTT.

PEKING TAKES ACTION.

[British United Press.]

Peking.—The unexpected speed with which all outstanding questions between Japan and China have been settled has been viewed with satisfaction, not only by the governments concerned, but by all diplomats in the Legation Quarter. Friction between the Chinese and any group of foreigners always reacts upon all other foreigners in the country, the diplomats believe, and settlement with Japan has improved foreign relations in general. Unfortunately, various semi-official organizations which have sprung up during the past year, designed to assist the Chinese Government in impressing upon Japan the ill-feeling against that country among Chinese, have not yet been curbed. But the Nanking Government has given evidence that it intends to halt the activities of the anti-Japanese Association, and of the local Kuomintang branches who are still seeking to inflame the people against Japan.

Military Moving.

During recent days, the military authorities in North China have moved definitely against these organizations, and have announced in the Chinese press that the Central Government's orders to stop activities against Japanese must be respected.

The motive behind these societies at present seems to be largely economic. Hundreds of ambitious young men are out of work in the North, and many of them have earned their living working for the Japanese boycott association and the propaganda groups. They are naturally unwilling to lose their jobs, and are doing everything possible to keep the organizations going.

In addition, the boycott association has amassed a large sum of money, obtained from the sale at auction of Japanese goods seized from Chinese merchants. Officers of the association are insisting that a large share of this fund be turned over to the employees, to compensate for loss of their jobs, while the merchants' association believes that the Chinese merchants who suffered losses should be repaid.

Settled Disputes.

Japan had far and many more unsettled questions with China than any other country. There was the Tsinan affair, the Nanking and Hankow incidents, and the question of a commercial treaty. Nanking took the view last year that the commercial treaty had been abrogated and that Japan did not have any special rights until a new treaty was concluded. Japan, however, insisted that the treaty had not been abrogated, although Tokyo was willing to enter negotiations for a new understanding.

All these matters have now been settled. The various "incidents" are out of the way. Nanking has made some concessions about the commercial treaty, and a new treaty appears well on the way. Just a year after the Tsinan incident, when relations between Japan and China were very seriously threatened, the two countries have reached agreements which place Japan in much the same position as the western Powers who have recognised the Nanking Government.

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NORTH-EAST COAST
INDUSTRIES.PRINCE OF WALES OPENS
EXHIBITION.

A CALL TO ARMS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, May 14. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened to-day the North-east Coast Exhibition, at Newcastle, which illustrates the great industries of the North-East of England, the chief of which are mining, engineering, and shipbuilding.

His Royal Highness had an enthusiastic reception from the thousands of people who lined the streets.

The Prince, in his speech, referred to the depression under which the district has been suffering. He said the North-east Coast could hardly hope to maintain the supremacy which it had enjoyed during the 19th century. Courage and imagination were needed to restore its economic prestige.

A Challenge.

This exhibition was a challenge to the North-east Coast and it was an announcement to the world that the great shop of this industrial district was still open, was determined to carry on, and was prepared to meet all orders with the highest traditions of a not unworthy past. He urged the leaders of industry to show courage, and ruthlessly to scrap all methods and machinery that did not come up to modern standards.

Stern Competition.

Prior to opening the exhibition the Prince opened the new mining department of Armstrong College. Here he referred to the need for the scientific development of industry. "The mining industry is confronted by very stern competition from overseas," he said. "It must be equipped to meet that competition." The Prince added that much as he valued the educational opportunities which were offered to the mining industry, as a whole, they appealed to him particularly in the way that they affected the individual. He welcomed anything which would bring the miner into touch with things outside anything which would give him a change from the drab life he had to lead.

There was a natural instinct for the son to follow his father's calling, but it might be that a boy's genius sometimes lay in an entirely different direction. By those educational opportunities, they might kindle a spark of genius in a boy which the country could ill afford to lose.

"Northern Wembley."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Prince of Wales to-day opened the Newcastle North-east Coast Exhibition, which has been styled the "Northern Wembley." The coal, iron, shipbuilding and engineering industries in the north have been very depressed for years, and the exhibition, in the words of the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, is designed not merely as a demonstration of past and present triumphs of engineering and shipbuilding but as evidence of an ambition to create and encourage new industries, in which the national scheme of co-ordination of electricity supplies is expected to be very helpful.

A Laconic Comment.

The Prince of Wales, on his arrival at Durham en route to Newcastle asked Mr. Robson, President of the Miners' Association, whether the coal trade had improved since his visit in January. Mr. Robson replied that the position was at least "no worse."

NEGRO MURDERER
SENTENCED.

DREADFUL PARIS CRIME.

Paris.—A negro from Guadeloupe was sentenced to death by the Assize Court for the murder of Mme. Lemoine, an aged lady of independent means, and the attempted murder of Mme. Marteau, the proprietress of a small shop. A second negro was sentenced to penal servitude for life.

The crimes were of a particularly brutal character. Mme. Lemoine was strangled in her flat and Mme. Marteau was found horribly injured, her head having been badly battered with an iron bar. She is now a helpless idiot. The negroes are of the lowest type and frequent doubtful haunts in Montmartre, where they gained a certain amount of notoriety by their truculent behaviour and vulgar ostentation. The motive of the crimes was robbery.

There is evidence of a sincere desire upon the part of Japan and China to enter upon a new era of mutual good-will, which will be beneficial to the important trade interests of both countries.

Telegrams in Brief.

The directors of the National Bank of the Republic and the Chicago Trust Company have approved of an amalgamation of the two concerns, with total resources of \$200,000,000.

An official *Gazette* announces that Major-General Sir Van Straubenzee, commanding the troops in Malaya, has relinquished his appointment.

A new commodity market has been inaugurated in London to deal with wheat futures. The approximate turnover during the first day was 75,000 quarters.

The total number of unemployed in Britain registered on May 8 was 1,132,700, being 31,108 less than in the previous week but 28,000 more than a year ago.

The Calcutta sweepstake amounts to nearly a million sterling. There has been a tremendous rush for tickets, and the organisers expect at least £250,000 more. The draw will be held on June 1.

Hsu Shih Toh, the twelve-year-old son of General Hsu Chung Chi who was Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese Army in 1925, has been kidnapped.

The American Senate has passed the Farm Relief Bill, embodying the export debenture plan, to which the House of Representatives and President Hoover are opposed.

A Manchester meeting of members has adopted a resolution in favour of winding-up the Cotton Yarn Association.

It has been decided to send a party of American businessmen to Russia this summer to study economic, commercial, and industrial conditions there. The American-Russian Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the visit. The party will muster in Berlin on July 15, and return there on August 8.

CHILD FATALLY SCALDED.

DEATH IN HOSPITAL.

[D.P. SPECIAL SERVICE.]

Donald Ralph Hardiman, aged 2 years and 4 months, has died in the Balmalm Hospital, Sydney, as the result of scalds he received when he fell into a copper full of boiling water at his home in Gipps-street, Balmalm, earlier in the day.

The little boy was standing on the brickwork of the copper when he apparently stepped backwards into the boiling water. He was at once removed to the Balmalm Hospital, but died several hours after admission.

RED SEA SLAVE TRADE.

UNDER BRITISH EYES.

[D.P. SPECIAL SERVICE.]

The slave trade from British-controlled shores in the Red Sea is still flourishing. This startling statement is made by Dr. Mezian, President of the Jewish Association, who is connected with the League of Nations.

Dr. Mezian says that the Jeddah slave-market is held actually 300 yards from Britain's Consulate. The traffic is so open that a negro is worth £20 to £40.

Two thousand such slaves are transported across the Red Sea yearly.

Dr. Mezian points out that British war vessels are not fitted for the purpose of suppressing the traffic. The shows are safe amidst the changing sand-banks and are always able to elude the deeper draughted men-o-war.

NED KELLY'S BONES.

MUST BE RETURNED.

[D.P. SPECIAL SERVICE.]

Melbourne.—Directions were given by the Chief Secretary (Dr. Argyle) that the Penal Department should take possession of the remains of Ned Kelly, the bushranger, and Frederick Bayley Deeming, the murderer, found during excavation work on the old Melbourne gaol.

Dr. Argyle said that the bones which were taken from the coffins must be returned at once. The Crimes Act provided that any person removing without authority any portion of a body legally buried might be prosecuted for felony and a convicted person was liable to three years' imprisonment.

Explaining why the State did not give instructions for the removal of the bodies of prisoners before the gaol site was handed over for educational purposes, Dr. Argyle said the general belief was that quicklime put into the coffins reduced the bodies to dust within a short time.

WOMAN FOUND SHOT.

A "SUICIDE" VERDICT.

An inquest was held by Dr. G.

An inquest was held by Dr. G. Scott, the Deputy Coroner, Paddington, on the body of Miss Honoria Gordon, wife of Captain Charles Gordon, who was found shot dead in a friend's flat in Leinster Gardens, W. 2.

Capt. Gordon, of Swiss Cottage, Box Hill, identified the body of his wife. He said that Mrs. Gordon was 35 and had suffered from nerves. She used to have nervous attacks. About 18 months ago he saw Sir Maurice Craig at a bridge-terrace for her nerves, and the last saw him in January last year.

She suffered from depression and was bothered about troubles which she felt would not exist. She saw a doctor for her nerves three or four months ago and she also saw another doctor for her throat and he at the same time diagnosed trouble in the head.

"Heard a Bang."

They came up to London to a servants. They had dinner with a friend, Mrs. Martin, and afterwards went to her flat in Leinster street, intending to drive back to Dorking afterwards. After dinner he wished to hurry off, but his wife said she wanted to telephone. She went into the front bedroom to get the telephone.

Mrs. Martin then called him, and he went into the sitting-room, joining the bed-room. When he went into the sitting he heard a bang. He turned round and hurried back to the bedroom door. Then he heard another bang. He went back and saw his wife sitting on a chair.

May to be presented at Buckingham Palace.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, June 18.

AMOI.

Haining, Douglas, May 17.
Tjalling, J.C.J.L., May 18.
Kiangnan, B. & S., May 19.
Shantung, Douglas, May 21.
Shantung, B. & S., May 21.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 23.
Haiching, Douglas, May 24.
Anhui, B. & S., May 24.
Tjitaroom, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Tjitaroom, J.C.J.L., June 3.
Santha, B.L., June 5.

ANTWERP.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 19.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
City of Glasgow, Bank, June 18.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.
Jeypore, P. & O., June 15.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Tanda, E. & A., May 31.

BALTI PORTS.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.
Main, Melchers, June 12.

BALTIMORE.

Comliebank, Bank, May 27.
Neleus, B.F., June 5.
City of Mobile, Bank, June 14.

BANGKOK.

Hellas, Thoresen's, May 19.
Kwangchow, B. & S., May 19.
Kwangchow, B. & S., May 22.
Chihua, B. & S., May 23.
Helios, Thoresen's, May 26.
Kagan, B. & S., May 26.
Hirundo, Thoresen's, June 2.
Hiram, Thoresen's, June 9.

BELAWAN DELI.

Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., May 23.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.

BOMBAY.

Morea, P. & O., May 25.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.

BOSTON.

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Comliebank, Bank, May 27.
Asuku Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Bolton Castle, Dodwell's, May 30.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Neleus, B.F., June 5.
Imperial Prince, Furness, June 6.
City of Mobile, Bank, June 14.

BREMEN.

Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.

BRINDISI.

Rosandra, Dodwell's, May 29.
Romolo, Dodwell's, June 7.
Fiume, Dodwell's, June 15.

CALCUTTA.

Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 18.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 25.
Talamia, B.L., May 25.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Tama, B.L., June 12.

CEBU.

Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Tacoma, States S.S., June 3.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., May 18.
Huichow, B. & S., May 23.
Sarpedon, B.F., May 31.

COLOMBO.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
D'Artagnan, M.M., May 20.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Morea, P. & O., May 25.
Rosandra, Dodwell's, May 29.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 29.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Sphinx, M.M., June 4.
Delta, P. & O., June 4.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Jeypore, P. & O., June 15.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., June 15.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, June 16.

COPENHAGEN.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.

DALRY.

Main, Melchers, May 17.
Yingchow, B. & S., May 19.
Luchow, B. & S., May 23.
Sarpedon, B. & S., May 31.
Trier, Melchers, June 5.

DUTCH PORTS.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Oldenburg, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 29.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
City of Glasgow, Bank, June 10.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., June 10.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.
Jeypore, P. & O., June 15.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., June 15.

FOOCHOW.

Haining, Douglas, May 17.
Haiching, Douglas, May 21.
Haiching, Douglas, May 24.

GENOA.

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., June 3.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, June 16.

GLASGOW.

Glaucus, B.F., June 3.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.

GOTHENBURG.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Tenkin, M.M., May 21.
Kwangchow, B. & S., May 22.
Linan, B. & S., May 23.
Chihua, B. & S., May 24.

HAMBURG.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
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Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
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Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
City of Glasgow, Bank, June 10.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.
Jeypore, P. & O., June 15.

HAYRE.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.

HONOLULU.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 21.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., May 21.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Ginjo Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, June 4.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., June 12.

ILOILO.

Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Tacoma, States S.S., June 3.

JAPAN PORTS.

Main, Melchers, May 17.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Canton, Gilman's, May 19.
Fiume, Dodwell's, May 19.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.
Medon, B.F., May 20.
Tydeus, B.F., May 20.
Angers, M.M., May 21.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., May 21.
Rosington Court, P. & O., May 21.
Tilawa, B.L., May 22.
Gurne, P. & O., May 23.
Siam, Manners, May 23.
Tydeus, B.F., May 23.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 23.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Rajputana, P. & O., May 24.
Medon, B.F., May 24.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Antiochus, B.F., May 28.
Asuku Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 29.
Oldenburg, J.C.J.L., May 29.
Quarrington Court, Jar., May 29.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Ginjo Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Tydeus, B.F., June 1.
General Mettinger, M.M., June 4.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., June 4.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., June 5.
Santha, B.L., June 5.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., June 10.
Nippon, Dodwell's, June 11.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, June 11.
Pres. Maru, N.Y.K., June 12.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, June 14.
Lahn, Melchers, June 14.

KALAMATA.

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MANILA.

Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 21.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Tjalling, J.C.J.L., May 22.
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HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHINHUA" ... On 25th May	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ... On 26th May	Noon
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STATION	MAY 14, 1929.										MAY 15, 1929.									
	Barometer at Sea Level	Barometer at Station	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	State of Sky	Remarks	Barometer at Sea Level	Barometer at Station	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	State of Sky	Remarks
Wladivostok	30.02	763.4	43	...	SSE	1	o	...	...	...	29.98	761.4	41	...	SE	4	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	30.08	764.0	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	...	...
Hokodate	30.03	763.5	...	...	SE	2	...	...	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	29.84	758.0	...	...	N	2	...	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...
Kochi	29.88	759.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	29.96	761.0	...	...	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	ESE	1	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	29.92	760.0	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...	...
Oshima	29.92	760.0	...	...	NNW	2	...	...	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	...
Naha	29.88	759.0	...	...	ENE	3	...	...	...	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	E	1	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	29.84	758.0	...	...	ENE	3	...	...	...	...	29.80	757.0	...	...	E	2	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	29.80	757.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	29.86	758.4	60	90	WNW	1	o	...	...	...	29.92	759.9	66	94	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	29.92	759.9	79	48	SE	1	b	...	...	...	29.85	758.1	64	90	SSE	1	o	...	...	...
Gutai	29.98	761.5	65	84	SE	2	o	...	...	...	29.88	758.9	62	100	SSE	1	o	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	29.78	756.4	73	81	NE	2	o	...	...	...	29.78	756.4	70	90	N	1	o	...	...	...
Amoy	29.81	757.2	72	92	NE	2	o	...	...	...	29.78	756.4	72	92	N	2	o	...	...	...
Swatow	29.84	757.8	81	76	E	4	b	...	...	...	29.78	756.0	72	88	E	4	b	...	...	...
Taihu	29.80	756.9	84	75	N	4	o	...	...	...	29.78	756.0	73	88	E	4	b	...	...	...
Taiwan	29.80	756.9	82	...	WSW	2	o	...	...	...	29.75	755.7	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kohun	29.80	756.9	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.7	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	29.81	757.2	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	756.0	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	29.79	756.6	76	79	ENE	4	o	...	...	...	29.78	756.9	74	86	ENE	4	o	...	...	...
Gap Rock	29.76	756.0	...	...	ENE	5	o	...	...	...	29.73	756.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	29.74	755.4	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.69	754.1	72	91	SE	4	o	...	...	...
Hoihow	29.79	756.6	80	79	NNE	2	o	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	77	88	ENE	1	o	...	...	...
Pratas Island	29.68	753.9	86	75	SE	2	o	...	...	...	29.68	753.9	79	92	ESE	2	o	...	...	...
Phu Lien	29.67	753.6	90	...	SSW	2	o	...	...	...	29.68	753.9	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	29.75	755.7	86	65	N	1	o	...	...	...	29.73	755.8	81	87	WSW	2	o	...	...	...
Cape St. James	29.75	755.7	79	87	W	1	o	...	...	...	29.72	754.8	81	87	WSW	2	o	...	...	...
Basco	29.72	754.8	86	65	N	1	o	...	...	...	29.73	755.7	77	91	SE	2	o	...	...	...
Apurri	29.72	754.8	86	65	N	1	o	...	...	...	29.73	755.7	77	91	SE	2	o	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	29.75	755.7	86	65	WNW	4	o	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	79	80	S	2	b	...	...	...
Yigan	29.74	755.4	90	63	SW	4	b	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	79	92	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	29.74	755.4	90	63	N	4	o	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	77	92	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lepang	29.72	754.8	86	68	SW	4	o	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	77	94	NW	1	o	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.75	755.7	86	71	S	1	b	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	79	91	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	29.78	756.3	81	84	NW	1	o	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	77	94	NW	1	o	...	...	...
Iloilo	29.75	755.7	85	71	S	1	b	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	79	91	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	29.75	755.7	86	68	SW	4	o	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	75	84	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	29.79	756.6	86	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	78	...	E	3	bc	...	...	...
Salpa	29.75	755.7	86	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	757.8	...	...	NE	1	o	...	...	...
Guam	11.29	29.79	756.6	...	E	1	o	4.2	...	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	E	4	u	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.82	757.5	...	ENE	2	r	5	...	...	29.81	757.2	78	...	NW	4	c	...	...	...
Felou	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	757.9	80	...	SE	1	bc	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	76	91	SW	1	r	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.78	756.4	86	84	SW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

May 15d. 11h. 00m.—Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan, and relatively low in a trough extending from Indo-China to the Caroline Islands.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.08 inch. Total since January 1, 9.19 inches, against an average of 16.16 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 16th.

DISTRICT.	FORECAST.
1.—Formosa Channel	E. or variable winds, moderate; cloudy occasional rain
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoo	
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 15.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer ... 29.77	29.79	29.73
Temperature ... 75	76	74
Humidity ... 82	83	94
Wind ... E	E	E
Direction ... E	E	E
Force ... 0	4	0
Weather ... 0.0	0.00	0.28

Highest open-air Temperature, 14.76
Lowest open-air Temperature, 15.73

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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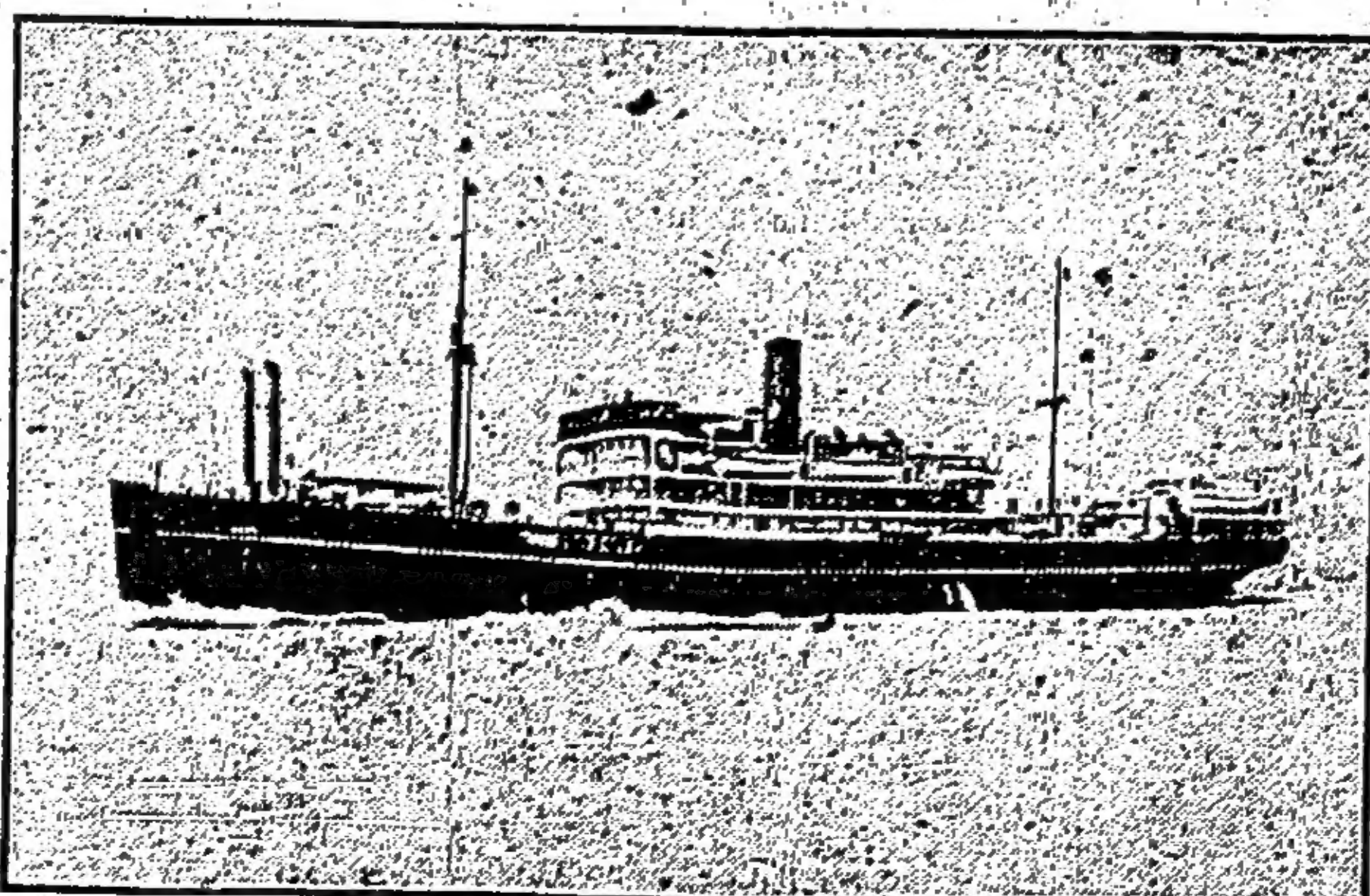
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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWAISANG" "HOPANG" "YATSHING" "HANGSANG"	Sun., 19th May, at 10 a.m. Wed., 22nd May, at 10 a.m. Sun., 26th May, at 10 a.m. Wed., 29th May, at 10 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"YUENSANG" "KUMSANG"	Tues., 23rd May, at 10 a.m. Tues., 18th June, at 9 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" "KUTSANG"	Satur., 18th May, at 3 p.m. Satur., 25th May, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Fri., 24th May, at Noon Tues., 4th June, at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSEING"	Tues., 21st May, at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"HOPSANG"	Thurs., 16th May, at Noon

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KAMO MARU Saturday, 18th June

KATOKI MARU (Calla Lion) Saturday, 1st June

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.

KAGA MARU Wednesday, 22nd June

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 20th June

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

PENANG MARU Tuesday, 25th June

SADO MARU Tuesday, 11th June

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU Thursday, 30th May

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

WAKASA MARU Friday, 7th June

NEW YORK via PANAMA.

ASUKA MARU Friday, 31st May

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Genoa & Marseilles.

TOYOOKA MARU Tuesday, 21st May

OALOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

NAGANO MARU Thursday, 16th May

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 5,350 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
7,250 TONS.

The general cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday, as carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	H.K.	Through
Kueichow, Canton	—	310
French	—	310
Gov. Gen. Paul Dornier, Swatow	350	—
Chang Kiang, Haiphong	390	3,700
Norwegian	—	740
Svalde, Penang	800	—
Protea, Rangoon	—	2,240
Japanese	—	600
Kojun Maru, Dairen	1,000	1,000
Chinese	—	1,000
Tsang Woo, Saigon	2,000	—
Tchekam, K. C. Wan	745	—
Shui Hing, Macao	60	—
Tak Hing, Autow	5	—
Total	—	5,350
		7,250

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
Japanese	2	9
Norwegian	1	5
Chinese	2	2
French	2	2
Total	11	23

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that on or about the 18th May, 1929, and without further notice, the following changes will be made in the aids to navigation marking the Cooper Bank Crossing, Yangtze River:—

Crossing Light-boat will be moved S. 51° E. about 2.14 miles from its present position, its characteristics remaining unchanged. From the new position of the light-boat, Kiushan Quoin Beacon will bear S. 109° W. distant 2.6 miles.

Big Tree Light-boat will be moved N. 68° E. about 2 miles from its present position, its characteristics remaining unchanged. From the new position of the light-boat, Kiushan Quoin Beacon will bear S. 201° E. distant 4.84 miles.

All bearings given are magnetic. Charts affected: Marine Department Charts Nos. 3 and 12.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT.

The *foxi* of a motor schooner was fined \$20 or 21 days for causing an obstruction in the Central Fairway by Capt. T. W. H. Hoesgood at the Marine Court yesterday.

Notice to Mariners. The following has been received from the Naval Authorities:—Convoy for Wuchow will leave First Cliffs on Thursday, 16th inst. at 8.30 a.m.

Return Convoy will leave Wuchow on Monday, 20th inst. Conditions as for last Convoy given in previous notice.

Atlantic Deck Passengers.

The following vessels brought Atlantic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Kueichow (Br.) Canton	3
Svalde (Nor.) Penang, Singapore	42
Protea (Nor.) Rangoon	160
Tsang Woo (Ch.) Saigon	13
Tak Hing (Ch.) Autow	40
Total	259

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Empress of Asia*:—Mr. L. De La Cruz, Mr. R. J. Reyes, Mr. Seat Hong Yen, Mr. Yu Tjong Lee, Mr. Lim Au Siau, Miss Yu Ah Kiat, Miss Yu Bee Chee, Master Yu Keng Fong, Master Yu Kah Tai, Miss Yu Hio Go, Miss Yu Bee Yung, Mr. Yang Pao, Yang Mr. and Mrs. A. Baitner, Miss M. Baitner, Mr. J. B. Emmert, Mr. E. J. Abad, Mrs. C. F. Mayors, Mrs. M. Pilsman, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keller, Mrs. Kwa Tak Man, Mr. S. Y. Tso, Mr. G. J. Wansing, Mr. and Mrs. O. Dunlap, Miss L. Dunlap, Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mr. Quion Yem Fu, Rev. G. Dica, Miss M. O. Diaz, Mr. Chan Sing, Mr. Ng Yung, Mr. C. North.

Departures.

Per s.s. *Siberia* Maru for San Francisco and Los Angeles on May 16:—Mr. C. L. Wong, Mr. T. W. Cheng, Mr. T. C. Lin, Mr. T. O. C. Lien, Mr. T. T. Chang, Mr. S. T. Teon, Mr. O. K. Wong, Mr. Loh Tsong Han, Mr. Cheung Chak Sang, Mr. Wong Sui Yuen, Mrs. Chu Sze, Mrs. Lee Sze, Mr. P. Y. Zee, Mr. Wong Soo Tak, Mr. Y. Teishi, Mr. J. Takahashi, Mr. Young Yung Liang, Mr. C. W. Yang, Capt. H. J. Hawthorn, Mr. Y. Kurihara, Mr. Y. Inouye, Mr. S. Tezuka, Mr. S. Arjan Singh, Mrs. L. A. Talman, Mr. H. W. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Parlin, Master Raymond Parlin, Master Helen Parlin, Master Ransom Parlin, Master Robert Parlin, Mr. E. K. Kirkman, Mr. G. McKoy, Mr. E. N. Kribs, Mrs. L. E. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Leon D. Harris, Master Davis J. Harris, Master George Harris, Miss Marrietta E. Harris, Mr. Chan Hon, Mr. Ma Luck Pun, Mr. Chan Fan, Miss Lau, Miss Kan, Mr. Y. C. Yu, Mr. Leung Chu Hing, Mrs. Chan She, Mrs. Lam Shee, Master Leung Ho Kuen, Master Leung Ho Kan.

ARRIVALS.

May 15.

Chang Kiang, French str., 1,850 tons, Capt. L. J. Cruchot, from Pakhoi, buoy No. 847—Sing Kee.

City of Mobile, British str., 6,601 tons, Capt. A. W. Wooster, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Hai Ning, British str., 833 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 2,274 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 581 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Canton, buoy No. C37.—B. & S.

Lok Sun, British str., 1,044 tons, Capt. H. R. Edmondson, from Swatow, buoy No. C44.—Lee Fat & Co.

Nagano Maru, Japanese str., 3,324 tons, Capt. J. Horike, from Rangoon, buoy No. A25.—Y.K.K.

Nagato Maru, Japanese str., 8,900 tons, Capt. I. Fukae, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. R. A. Pritchard, from Canton, buoy No. C42.—Yick Tai S.S. Co.

Paul Damer, French str., 734 tons, Capt. Keviah, from Swatow, buoy No. C49.—Hock Yuen Hong.

Scala Shell, British str., 2,098 tons, Capt. T. Evans, from Newchwang, Kowloon Bay.—A.P.C.

Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. Alex. O. Inglis, from Hoihow, buoy B48.—Foo Nam & Co.

Suiyang, British str., 1,584 tons, Capt. F. Jenkins, from Swatow, buoy B12.—B. & S.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,533 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Swatow, buoy No. C14.—N.Y.K.

Tang Woo, Chinese str., 1,049 tons, Capt. K. Einarson, from Saigon, buoy No. C19.—Kung Chung.

CLEARANCES.

May 15.

Changkiang, for Shanghai.

Deli Maru, for Swatow.

Hague Maru, for Keelung.

Hermes, for Miti.

Kojun Maru, for Canton.

Kueichow, for Swatow.

Marosa, for Bangkok.

Nagano Maru, for Singapore.

Nagato Maru, for Moji.

Suiyang, for Canton.

Sungshan Maru, for Canton.

Tai Lee, for Taingtau.

Van Heutz, for Swatow.

Under authority of Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1929, section 39 sub-section 19, vessels are prohibited from mooring to the seawall in Yamati Typhoon Shelter between a position 150 feet to the North of the Government Slipway Pier where a notice board has been erected, and the Government Slipway Pier.

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"LAHORE"	8,232	1st June	Marsa-Ladon, A.werp, B.alm, H.ug
"DELTA"	8,097	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"JEYPORE"	8,818	15th June	Marsa-Ladon, A.werp, B.alm, H.ug
"RAJPUTANA"	15,458	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"PERIM"	7,948	29th June	Marsa-Ladon, A.werp, B.alm, H.ug
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"ALBANY"	7,715	13th July	Marsa-Ladon, A.werp, B.alm, H.ug
"ALPORE"	8,273	19th July	Strait, Colombo and Bombay
"KEIWA"	1,135	20th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	8,324	2nd Aug.	Strait, Colombo and Bombay
"KRYBER"	8,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	8,985	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MORRA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	10,948	28th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	8,324	30th Oct.	Strait, Colombo and Bombay
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"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"MACEDONIA"	11,180	9th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	23rd Nov.	Marseilles and London
"RAWALPINDI"	10,619	7th Dec.	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALAMBA"	8,018	25th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	18th June	do.
"SANTIA"	7,764	4th July	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	12th July	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,956	31st May	Manila, Saadakan, Thursday
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	Manila, Saadakan, Thursday
"ALBANY"	6,000	2nd Aug.	Manila, Saadakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	6,956	30th Aug.	Manila, Saadakan, Thursday
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"BOSSINGTON COURT"	5,248	21st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"GUERN"	5,248	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"RAJPUTANA"	15,458	24th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTIA"	7,764	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yoko. & Osaka
"KASHGAR"	9,005	7th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILSINGTON COURT"	5,248	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Kobe
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INWARD MAILS.

From	To	Date
SHANGHAI & AMOY	Yingchow...	16th May
JAPAN	Santa Clara	16th May
AUSLAND & MANILA	Tango Maru	16th May
JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via St. Paul	Kamo Maru	17th May
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Shantung	18th May
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U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Hakone Maru	24th May
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	27th May
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OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	To	Date & Time
Straits and Calcutta	Nagano Maru	Thursday, 16th, 9.30 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei via Swatow & Shanghai	Kunichiku	9.30 a.m.
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	Del Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Michael Jeters	3.00 p.m.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Chama	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Tai Fook Sing	5.00 p.m.
Hobow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Solomon	5.00 p.m.
Swatow & South Africa	Santa Clara	Friday, 17th, 8.30 a.m.
Hobow	Swade	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Hoang	1.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Hoang	2.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Hai Ning	2.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via	Kamo Maru	Wednesday, 15th, 9.00 a.m.
Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th June	G.P.O.	Reg. 18th, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
		Saturday, 18th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow	Ninghai	5.00 p.m.
Amoy	Kingman	5.00 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	5.00 p.m.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Yingchow	Sunday, 19th, 9.00 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Honah Maru	9.00 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwongchow	9.00 a.m.
Shanghai Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th June and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Monday, 20th, 11.00 a.m.
	Reg.	11.15 a.m.
	Letters	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd June	D'Aragona	Tuesday, 21st, 10.00 a.m.
	Reg.	1.00 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg. 12.45 p.m.
	Letters	1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Paigang	Noon
Amoy	Shantung	9.00 p.m.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms on which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 17th Apr., 1929. [28]

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
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P. M. ELBERG,
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Hong Kong, 6th May, 1929. [34]

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A. H. FERGUSON,
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Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30]

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L. BERNIS,
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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1929. [29]

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SHOU J. CHEN,
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A. LECOT,
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Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [32]

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H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th Mar., 1929. [33]

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Telegraphic Transfer... 1/11
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On PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 1202 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1277 1/2
On NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 47 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight 48 1/2
On BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer Bank Bills, on demand 1292 1/2
On CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer Bank Bills, on demand 1292 1/2
On SINGAPORE.—
Bank Bills, at sight 702 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 104 1/2
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On SINGAPORE.—On demand... 89 1/2
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